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## **TOWN OFFICERS**

1956

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### **Board of Selectmen**

KENNETH C. LATHAM, Chairman	Term Expires	1957
LAWRENCE DREW, Secretary	" "	1959
GILBERT M. LOTHROP	" "	1958

### **Board of Public Welfare**

NEWELL H. MORTON, Chairman	Term Expires	1959
DANIEL L. CHAMBERLAIN, Secretary	" "	1958
DONALD C. McKIE	" "	1957
QUINCY B. PARK, Welfare Agent		
GLADYS M. WILSON, Social Worker		

### **Bureau of Old Age Assistance**

NEWELL H. MORTON, Chairman	Term Expires	1959
DONALD C. McKIE, Secretary	" "	1957
DANIEL L. CHAMBERLAIN	" "	1958
QUINCY B. PARK, Director		
VIRGINIA C. SMITH, Social Worker		

### **Board of Assessors**

HAROLD B. CURRELL, Chairman	Term Expires	1959
RALPH T. HORN, Secretary	" "	1958
WILLIAM T. FAIRCLOUGH	" "	1957

### **Town Counsel**

CARL H. AMON, JR.

### **Town Clerk**

BOYD H. STEWART

### **Treasurer**

PRESTON F. NICHOLS

### **Moderator**

CHARLES P. HOWARD

### **Town Accountant**

BOYD H. STEWART

### **Town Collector**

WILLIAM E. MORRISON

### **Personnel Board**

HAROLD L. JONES, Chairman  
RALPH G. SIAS  
WILLIAM F. MURPHY  
BOYD H. STEWART, Secretary

### **Director, Veterans' Service —Veterans' Benefits Agent**

CHARLES W. H. SMITH



### **Board of Public Works**

KENNETH R. JOHNSON, Chairman	Term Expires	1958
COLEMAN J. DONAHUE, Secretary	" "	1957
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.	" "	1958
HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR.	" "	1959
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.	" "	1957

### **Board of Health**

CHARLES R. BAISLEY, M.D., Chairman	Term Expires	1959
CHRISTINE F. ATKINSON, Secretary	" "	1957
EDWARD M. HALLIGAN, M.D.	" "	1958

### **Finance Committee**

JOHN R. KAY, Chairman	Term Expires	1958
LOUIS DAVIS	" "	1957
WILLIAM H. DOLBEN, JR.	" "	1959
WALTER M. FOWLER	" "	1959
ERNEST E. GALLANT	" "	1958
CLEMENT T. GLEASON	" "	1957
DUDLEY B. KILLAM	" "	1959
SAMUEL J. MALONE	" "	1958
GEORGE E. MILLNER	" "	1959
WILLIAM F. MURPHY	" "	1957
CARL B. PITMAN	" "	1959
FREDERICK F. STEVENSON	" "	1958
CHARLES STRATTON	" "	1957
EMERSON A. WILLARD	" "	1958

### **School Committee**

PHILIP R. WHITE, Chairman	Term Expires	1959
ROBERT F. PERRY, Secretary		
ROBERT E. TURNER	" "	1957
WILLIAM E. BURPEE	" "	1957
BARBARA WINKLER	" "	1958
PAUL R. BERGHOLTZ	" "	1958
NEWELL H. MORTON	" "	1959

#### **School Physician**

ROBERT W. WAKELING, D.O.

#### **Superintendent of Schools**

ROBERT F. PERRY

#### **Attendance Officer**

ROBERT A. GRUNDY

#### **School Nurse**

MARGARET B. CLEWLEY

### **Municipal Light Board**

PHILLIP G. WILLCOX, Chairman	Term Expires	1959
WINFRED F. SPURR, Secretary	" "	1958
ALFRED H. DOLBEN	" "	1957

### **Board of Registrars**

JOHN J. WALSH, Chairman	Term Expires	1958
ROBERT S. RALSTON, Secretary	" "	1959
LOUIS BACIGALUPO	" "	1957
BOYD H. STEWART, Clerk		

### **Board of Cemetery Trustees**

EDOUARD N. DUBE, Chairman	Term Expires	1957
M. RUSSELL MEIKLE, Secretary	" "	1959
WILLIAM P. PIERPONT	" "	1958
STANLEY F. MAXWELL	" "	1958
ERNEST E. BROWN	" "	1957
LAWRENCE A. PARTELOW	" "	1959

### **Planning Board**

ROBERT G. CLINCH, Chairman	Term Expires	1958
EDWARD W. BATTEN, Secretary	" "	1959
BENJAMIN M. HARTSHORN	" "	1959
WILLIAM D. SOMMERS	" "	1957
W. FRANKLIN BURNHAM, JR.	" "	1958

### **Board of Library Trustees**

NEIL C. ROBINSON, Chairman	Term Expires	1959
H. IRENE LATHAM, Secretary	" "	1959
SYDNEY M. HODSON	" "	1958
C. NELSON BISHOP	" "	1958
KATHERINE C. PIERCE	" "	1957
ROBERT E. STEWART	" "	1957

### **Commissioners of Trust Funds**

JOSEPH B. IVERSON, Chairman	Term Expires	1957
H. RAYMOND JOHNSON	" "	1961
ERNEST S. JOHNSON	" "	1959

Town Treasurer and Chairman of Selectmen members ex-officiis

### **Board of Appeal**

GERALD FOSBROKE, Chairman	Term Expires	1957
PHILIP R. WHITE, JR.	" "	1959
ERNEST L. NIGRO	" "	1958

### **Associate Members Board of Appeal**

RUSSELL L. MILLER	Term Expires	1959
JOSEPH D. CAHILL	" "	1958

### **Sealer of Weights and Measures**

CARL M. SMITH

### **Inspector of Milk and Foods**

CARL M. SMITH

### **Inspector of Plumbing**

KENNETH G. SHAW

**Inspector of Animals**

GARDINER A. LESTER, D.V.M.

**Inspector of Buildings**

HAROLD B. CURRELL

**Game Warden**

JAMES T. PUTNAM

**Superintendent of Moth Work**

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

**Dog Officer**

WILLIAM H. DEWSNAP

**Tree Warden**

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

**Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves**

HAROLD F. DAVIS

**Forest Warden**

CHIEF HUGH L. EAMES

**Deputy Forest Wardens**

DEPUTY CHIEF JAMES S. PERRY

CAPT. HERBERT L. ROBERTSON

JOHN A. SPURR

LIEUT. DONALD C. MITCHELL

JAMES T. PUTNAM

LIEUT. GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

**Constables**

WILLIAM H. DEWSNAP

ARTHUR L. HARRIS

**Insurance Committee**

Consists of Board of Selectmen, Town Treasurer and Chairman of  
Finance Committee

**Contributory Retirement Board**

DONALD C. MITCHELL, Chairman

BOYD H. STEWART, Secretary

ARTHUR C. ALDRICH

**Law Committee**

Consists of Chairmen of the following Boards:

Board of Selectmen

Board of Assessors

Board of Health

Board of Public Works

School Committee

Board of Public Welfare

Municipal Light Board

**Police Department**

ROLAND E. ELLIS, Chief

JOHN F. BEAUDOIN, Lieut.

**Sergeants**

THOMAS J. FITZPATRICK

WILLIAM H. FAULKNER

EDWARD M. HUBBARD

JOHN L. POWER

**Inspector - Patrolman**  
**WILLIAM H. DEWSNAP**

**Patrolmen**

FRANK R. FISHER  
 JOSEPH M. GREENE  
 FREDERICK J. KEEFE  
 WILLIAM J. WEBB  
 PHILLIP N. CAIL  
 EVAN P. EDWARDS  
 ROBERT P. JONES  
 ROBERT A. CASTINE  
 PAUL J. MURPHY

HAROLD W. O'BRIEN  
 PATRICK J. PANTANO  
 WINFRED A. MacDONALD  
 JOHN A. BILICKI  
 HERBERT G. PERRY  
 JOSEPH W. CORMIER  
 FRED GRANELLI, JR.  
 ROBERT E. MARCHAND  
 BRIAN F. DESMOND

BERNARD PAIVA  
 J. ROBERT CLARK, Clerk

**Special Police Officers**

ELMER E. YOUNG  
 WILLIAM J. BROUSSARD  
 DANIEL J. WHITE  
 VINCENT SERRENTINO  
 STUART R. NICHOLS  
 FRED REISSLE  
 ANDREW J. LOMAX  
 FRED GIBSON  
 ROBERT A. VARS  
 HENRY GROMYKO  
 WILLIAM A. LLOYD  
 DANIEL J. BUCKLEY  
 EDWARD F. HARRISON  
 ROY J. BROGAN  
 RALPH PLOUFF  
 QUINCY B. PARK  
 HENRY O. BALLOU  
 EDWARD TEER  
 ALEXANDER SMYTHE  
 WILLIAM G. HENDERSON  
 JAMES T. PUTNAM  
 JOHN H. VANDENBERG  
 DONALD E. FLORENCE  
 WILLIAM H. MILLER  
 JOHN D. LOUANIS  
 ARTHUR G. REES  
 ROBERT P. SMITH  
 HARRY A. TURNER  
 RALPH E. WILSON  
 J. ROBERT CLARK  
 DUNCAN STANLEY  
 HAROLD F. DAVIS

Senior High School  
 Senior High School  
 Senior High School  
 Senior High School  
 Senior High School  
 Junior High School  
 Junior High School  
 Junior High School  
 Joshua Eaton School  
 Joshua Eaton School  
 Lowell Street School  
 Highland School  
 Pearl Street School  
 Pearl Street School  
 Methodist Church  
 Centre School Building, Welfare Dept.  
 Municipal Bldg., Masonic Bldg., Sanborn Apts.  
 Library  
 Odd Fellows Building  
 Middlesex County National Bank  
 Reading Rifle and Revolver Club, Public Works  
 Reading Rifle and Revolver Club  
 Reading Rifle and Revolver Club  
 Public Works  
 Water and Sewer Pumping Station, Town Forest  
 Victory House  
 Victory House  
 Baptist Church  
 V.F.W. Quarters  
 Police Station  
 Police Station  
 Cemeteries

HUGH L. EAMES	Fire Department
JAMES H. MADDEN	St. Agnes Church
HORACE A. AUSTIN	School Traffic Control
FRED C. SKINNER	School Traffic Control
FRANK E. EPOLITE	School Traffic Control
WILLIAM E. FLAHERTY	School Traffic Control
ROBERT A. GRUNDY	School Traffic Control
LEONARD MERULLO	Town Skating Areas

## **Fire Department**

### **Permanent Firefighters**

Chief, HUGH L. EAMES

Deputy Chief, JAMES S. PERRY

Captain, HERBERT L. ROBERTSON	ROBERT W. PRATT
Captain, GEORGE W. GOODRIDGE	LESLIE L. HADLEY
Captain, DONALD C. MITCHELL	HERBERT J. HUTCHINSON
CLIFFORD E. LITCHFIELD	RUSSELL E. CARTER
LESLIE C. HADLEY	GERALD W. HUMPHREY
ROBERT W. SHANNON	ELMER W. MOORE
ELMER A. DYKENS, JR.	THEODORE W. TURNER, JR.
WILLIAM R. VAN HORN	NELSON F. ANDREWS*
ROBERT H. THOMAS	RONALD D. MICHELINI*
RICHARD D. BROWN	FREDERICK E. LIVINGSTONE*
DONALD L. MICHELINI*	

### **Call Firefighters**

JOSEPH ARSENAULT	IVAR F. JOHNSON
*ERNEST G. BABCOCK, JR.	RALPH E. NICKERSON
HENRY O. BALLOU	HERMAN L. RIESSLE
DANIEL J. BUCKLEY	GEORGE G. ROGERS
EVERETT G. CARROLL	F. LIONEL SPRINGFORD
JOHN F. ENOS	JOHN A. SPURR
DE MELLE G. GAREY	ERNEST R. WATSON
JAMES R. GAW	Dispatcher, DUNCAN H. STANLEY
EARL W. HOBART	

### **Supt. of Fire Alarm**

HUGH L. EAMES

### **Inspector of Wires**

JAMES F. O'DOWD

### **Measurers of Lumber**

HAROLD B. CURRELL	FRED F. SMITH
MAURICE H. DONEGAN	

\*Appointed

**Measurers of Wood and Bark**

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

HAROLD B. CURRELL

THOMAS E. BROGAN

**Weighers of Coal and Hay**

THOMAS E. BROGAN

MABEL L. MacKAY

BERTHA L. MacLELLAN

DONALD FUNK

WENDELL B. NEWELL

**Field Drivers**

ERNEST T. WAKEFIELD

JAMES T. PUTNAM

**Fence Viewers**

WENDELL B. NEWELL

WARREN F. CHARLES

**Committee on Elm Tree Protection**

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

JOHN F. SAWYER

MARION V. HARRINGTON

**Committee on Town Forests**

MAURICE H. DONEGAN

JAMES T. PUTNAM

HUGH L. EAMES

**Capital Expenditures Planning Committee**

LAWRENCE A. CATE, Chairman

W. FRANKLIN BURNHAM, JR.

STANLEY F. MAXWELL, Secretary

JOHN B. HARKER

ERNEST E. GALLANT

BENJAMIN M. HARTSHORN

SAMUEL J. MALONE

**Recreation Committee**

ROBERT E. TURNER, Chairman

H. LEE DONLEY

C. SUMNER TEEL, Secretary

RICHARD D. GALE

HERBERT M. RIXON

ALBERT J. CHISHOLM

NEWELL H. MORTON

WILLIAM H. WILLSON

DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.

**Salvage Committee**

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

## STATISTICS

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Area, 10 square miles

Population, census of 1955, 16,440

Registered Voters: Precinct No. 1, 2080; Precinct No. 2, 2471; Precinct  
No. 3, 1919; Precinct No. 4, 2784

Eighth Congressional District

Sixth Councillor District

Seventh Middlesex Senatorial District

Eighteenth Middlesex Representative District

Fourth District Court of Eastern Middlesex held in Woburn

Representative in Congress, 8th District, Torbert H. Macdonald, Malden

Councillor 6th District, Joseph R. Crimmins, Somerville

Senator 7th Middlesex District, Charles E. Ferguson, Lexington

Representatives 18th Middlesex District, Frank D. Tanner, Reading and  
Charles E. Wilkinson, Reading



# TOWN OF READING

List of Jurors for 1956-1957

Prepared by the Board of Selectmen

Name	Occupation	Residence
Abely, Edward C.,	Salesman	241 Pearl St.
Alonzo, William,	Technician	12 Beverly Rd.
Arthur, Paul W.,	Underwriter	37 Winslow Rd.
Bagocius, Frank J.,	Millhand	163 County Rd.
Bailey, Bernard C.,	Clerk	71 Woburn St.
Baker, Arnold R.,	Carpenter	245 Pearl St.
Barnes, David H.,	Maint. Electrician	89 Ash St.
Basner, Frederick W.,	Bank Clerk	82 Forest St.
Bateman, Squire W.,	Purchasing Agent	203 Wakefield St.
Beaudry, George B.,	Inspector of Machine Parts	36 Pearl St.
Benjamin, Walter P.,	Auditor	14 Grove St.
Berger, Arnold,	General Manager	8 Woodward Ave.
Bergholtz, Marjorie R.,	Housewife	45 Middlesex Ave.
Blake, John R.,	Salesman	12 Haverhill St.
Blanchard, Winona M.,	Cashier	14 Middlesex Ave.
Blandy, William H.,	Tel. Engineer	87 Scotland Rd.
Blunt, George R.,	Clerk	33 King St.
Bogan, James F.,	Auditor	83 Grand St.
Bonnet, Henry P.,	Civil Engineer	3 Beech St.
Boyd, Stanley W., Jr.,	Fire Prevention Eng.	109 Oak St.
Braun, James E.	Salesman	16 Lothrop R d.
Brissenden, Harold S., Jr.,	Pipefitter	3 Gardner Rd.
Eronk, Frank H.,	Farmer	11 Larch Lane
Brophy, John T.,	Reporter	21 Overlook Rd.
Buck, Ralph L.,	Serv. Insp.	148 Woburn St.
Burns, Gertrude E.,	Secretary	253 South St.
Burns, Robert W.,	Salesman	457 Franklin St.
Burt, John J.,	Telegrapher	675 Haverhill St.
Chandler, Clarence I.,	Lab. Tech.	412 South St.
Chapman, Lloyd E.,	Mech. Engineer	41 Forest St.
Chase, Robert P.,	News Dealer	18 Fairview Ave.
Cleary, Raymond H.,	Store Manager	8 Palmer Hill Ave.
Clough, Philip J.,	Physical Chemist	16 Gardner Rd.
Cogger, Harold W.,	Salesman	23 Meadow Brook Lane
Coldwell, Emerson J.,	Sales Engineer	38 Tamarack Rd.
Connelly, John C.,	Retired	1 Coolidge Rd.
Corke, Harold J.,	Ins. Manager	12 Nichols Rd.
Cotreau, Delmar D.,	Salesman	35 Pierce St.
Cressinger, H. Grant,	Accountant	39 Selfridge Rd.
Cullen, Walter J.,	Sales Engineer	9 Meadow Brook Lane
Cutler, Chester T.,	Salesman	218 West St.
Cyr, Arthur W.,	Salesman	7 Perkins Ave.
Dacey, Charles R.,	Insurance Broker	62 Oak Ridge Rd.
Daley, Russell,	Foreman	16 Winter St.
Danforth, Everett D.,	Real Estate and Ins. Broker	16 Shackford Rd.
Davis, Ralph B.,	Supervisor	65 Grove St.
Day, Robert F.,	Plant Manager	368 Franklin St.
Dean, Warren M.,	Sales Representative	15 Pennsylvania Ave.
Degel, Ernest T.,	Comm. Artist	16 West Hill Circle
DePatie, Ronald D.,	Machinist	629 Pearl St.
DiDonato, James C.,	Stat. Engineer	8 B St.
Dinan, Edward J.,	Salesman	7 George St.
Drury, Olga F.,	Housewife	57 Harrison St.
Dubois, Ernest J.,	Electrical Engineer	9 Tennyson Rd.

Dunlea, Robert A., Mason	15 Longwood Rd.
Durland, Robert A., Savings Banker	4 Tennyson Rd.
Eastman, Arthur B., Bank Clerk	5 Wells Rd.
Eastman, Earle A., Retired	2 Waverly Rd.
Ellison, Guy W., Jr., Foreman	92 Grand St.
Etling, Fred R., Parts Engineer	235 Walnut St.
Faller, Rudolph W., Electrical Designer	22 Smith Ave.
Farris, Robert H., Engineer	12 Fremont St.
Fay, George L., Truck Driver	15 Lewis St.
Fillmore, Edward C., Spreader	125 Main St.
Foxcroft, Marcia C., Housewife	100 Prescott St.
Franklin, Paul A., Tool Maker	13 Winthrop Ave.
Frazier, John L., Supervisor	103 Green St.
Freeze, John B., Jr., Accountant	31 Selfridge Rd.
Furber, Elbridge N., Photostat Operator	4 County Rd.
Gadbois, Albert D., Shipper	8 Maple St.
Galvin, Thomas F., Construction Supt.	20 Fairmount Rd.
Gardner, Walter L., Business Agent	9 Essex St.
Gibson, Meredith H., Salesman	24 Overlook Rd.
Gillespie, Charles H., Shipper	160 Hopkins St.
Glines, Walter C., Jr., Auto Salesman	226 Charles St.
Gomes, John, Draftsman	21 Harvard St.
Gould, Harry V., Jr., Appraiser	15 Fremont St.
Halligan, Edward B., Insurance Salesman	34 John Carver Rd.
Hanson, Clarence F., Retired	22 Middlesex Ave.
Harding, Robert F., Insurance	152 Oak St.
Haynes, Whitcomb, General Supt.	10 Orchard Park Drive
Higden, Albert L., Salesman	251 Walnut St.
Hinckley, Hazel S., Housewife	256 Lowell St.
Hobart, Earl W., Proprietor	182 Main St.
Hodges, Samuel H., Broker in Hides	10 California Rd.
Hodgkins, Otis P., Cashier and Bookkeeper	13 Hanscom Ave.
Hynes, Thomas J., Night Dispatcher	23 Temple St.
Jewett, Edith R., Organist	246 Ash St.
Johnson, William J., Farmer	468 West St.
Jollymore, Leslie, Machinist	27 Mark Ave.
Jones, Wilmot W., General Manager	3 Wescroft Rd.
Kimball, Francis A., Florist	269 West St.
Kittredge, Allen S., Supervisor	15 Manning St.
Kittredge, Guy L., Jr., Engineer	89 Wakefield St.
Kyle, John W., Compositor	30 Whittier Rd.
Lacey, Thomas, Selector	40 Harvest Rd.
Landry, John L., Steel Worker	13 Parker St.
Libby, Henry T., Laboratory Technician	3 Evergreen Rd.
Lincoln, Elmer B., Asst. Manager	46 Glenmere Circle
Lloyd, Francis, Purchasing Agent	139 Woburn St.
Loring, J. Alden, Salesman	100 South St.
MacLeod, Lawrence E., Oil Refiner	113 Longwood Rd.
Maddock, Samuel B., Poultry Salesman	26 John Carver Rd.
Marshall, Frank C., Maintenance Man	48 Mill St.
Marston, Woodbury S., Electrician	71 Cross St.
Martin Earle D., C.P.A.	21 Copeland Ave.
Mason, Joseph F., Steel Temperer	1 Condor Rd.
McCleery, Dorothy, Bank Teller	21 Colburn Rd.
McDonald, Howard A., Optician	17 Springvale Rd.
McGrath, Edmund R., Sales Manager	63 Whittier Rd.
McNair, William J., Superintendent	25 Vista Ave.
Merchant, Harry A., Jr., Supervisor	62 Scotland Rd.
Meuse, Theresa M., Matron	41 Winter St.
Mick, Eben W., Sheet Metal Supt.	1 Weston Rd.

Mitchell, William B., Salesman	80 Washington St.
Moller, Edwin, Retired	75 Glenmere Circle
Mulhinch, Andrew, Traffic Mgr.	48 Bear Hill Rd.
Mumley, Reginald E., Maint. Welder	13 High St.
Murphy, George V., Govt. Auditor	22 Winter St.
Nelson, Anna M., Housewife	12 Lothrop Rd.
Newman, James E., Retired	14 Plymouth Rd.
Nichols, C. Harold, Engineer	76 Orange St.
Nicholson Marvin E., Cabinet Maker	154 Charles St.
Nordberg, Nils L., Proprietor	753 Main St.
Paul, Gordon D., Accountant	69 Scotland Rd.
Penney, William C., Auto Dealer	55 Bear Hill Rd.
Peoples, Robert R., Chemical Engineer	241 Charles St.
Pinkham, Carl W., Jr., Engineer	33 Barrows Rd.
Plummer, Malcolm B., Structural Designer	18 School St.
Powers, Walter C., Test Leader	2 Whittier Rd.
Priestly, Harland R., Elect. Eng.	18 Wenda St.
Quinlan, John J., Jr., Prod. Clerk	38 Bear Hill Rd.
Roberts, Harland M., Telegraph Operator	260 Haven St.
Roffi, Louis J., Foreman	307 Ash St.
Rogers, Hattie N., Housewife	119 Salem St.
Rogers, William P., Steam Engineer	33 County Rd.
Romano, Ferdinand J., Meat Cutter	54 Linden St.
Sargent, Grace E., Housewife-Clerk	54 Lothrop Rd.
Schemack, William J., Retired	71 Harrison St.
Schmidt, Ernest J., Purchasing Agent	23 Berkeley St.
Scott, Leon L., Radio Foreman	28 Pennsylvania Ave.
Searle, Donald P., Sales Engineer	26 Harrison St.
Selfridge, John E., Bulilder	88 Colburn Rd.
Sewell, Henry M., Cotton Classer	86 West St.
Shoecraft, Charles W., Sales Manager	52 Hartshorn St.
Sias, Ralph G., Personnel Assistant	40 Federal St.
Smith, Carl Dewey, Insurance	110 Grove St.
Smith, Robert D. D., Sales Manager	28 Glen Rd.
Starkey, David C., Personnel Staff Specialist	16 Catherine Ave.
Steele, Robert P., Production Supervisor	56 Glenmere Circle
Stevens, Ralph E., Superintendent	160 Howard St.
Storey, Robert I., Service Manager	89 County Rd.
Surette, Paul E., Florist	46 Washington St.
Sutherland, Edward, Salesman	80 Bancroft Ave.
Swanberg, Bertil R., Control Clerk	58 Lothrop Rd.
Tarbox, Robert W., Television Tech.	56 Prospect St.
Tassi, Attilio T., Ink Maker	158 Salem St.
Taylor, James E., Manufacturer	2 Gilmore Ave.
Thomas, Albert C., P.O. Clerk	831 Main St.
Valido, Homer D., Clerk	15 Gardner Rd.
Viall, Jennie L., Housewife	175 Bancroft Ave.
Waite, Marguerite F., Housewife	9 Cape Cod Ave.
Whalen, John J., Truck Driver	24 Chestnut Rd.
Winkler, Richard C., Plant Manager	53 Glenmere Circle
Zitzow, Harold P., Electronic Design Engineer	11 Oak St.

## SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

New High School Auditorium

January 30, 1956

In the absence of the Moderator, the Town Clerk, Boyd H. Stewart, called the meeting to order at 8:00 P. M. and asked for nominations for a temporary moderator at this meeting.

Kenneth C. Latham moved that Samuel H. Davis be elected to act as temporary moderator at this meeting.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the nominations be closed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Town Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Samuel H. Davis for Moderator to act at this meeting.

The Town Clerk then cast one ballot for Mr. Davis to act as temporary moderator, and declared him elected.

Mr. Davis was then sworn in, by the Town Clerk, as temporary Moderator.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk when, on motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to dispense with further reading of the Warrant except the Constable's Return which was then read by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are instructed to proceed with the terms of the Vote adopted under Article 10 at the Annual Town Meeting held March 20, 1950 relating to the disposition by sale, demolition or otherwise of the Center School Building together with the lot of land containing approximately 10,000 square feet.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was unanimously voted that Woodbury C. Titcomb be permitted to read the following report:

ARTICLE 1. Progress Report — Special School and Recreation Site Committee as established under Article 33 at the Adjourned Annual Town Meeting April 4, 1955.

Following an analysis of Reading's existing school and recreational facilities, your committee then waded into the problem of what additional facilities will be needed sometime in the future. We have met often, including many field trips and have completed a rough report. We have met with and discussed our problems with your Town boards and committee. At the Town Meeting in March, we hope to have the completed report for your consideration.

(Signed) W. C. TITCOMB, Chairman  
Special Committee

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the report be accepted as a report of progress.



ARTICLE 1. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Town Clerk be and hereby is authorized and instructed to place upon the records of this Special Town Meeting held January 30, 1956 a resolution honoring and commemorating Samuel H. Davis, Town Counsel, for his long, faithful and honorable service which he has rendered to and in behalf of the Town of Reading over the past twenty-eight plus years.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 1 on the table.

ARTICLE 2. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to petition the General Court for special legislation authorizing the Town to appropriate money not exceeding Four thousand (\$4000.) Dollars for the exercise of its corporate powers for the purpose of defraying part of the cost for installing Warning Signals indicating the approach of trains at the Reading Railroad Station of the Boston and Maine Railroad, and to ratify and confirm any and all previous action taken by the Board of Selectmen in seeking such special legislation.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to sell upon such terms and conditions as they may determine the following described lot of land:

The land located Easterly of John Street and Southerly of Lakeview Avenue and bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the Southwesterly corner thereof at the Northerly Boundary Line of the Quannapowitt Drainage Tributary Ditch; thence Northeasterly 102.3 feet more or less; thence in a general Northerly direction 95 feet more or less; thence Northwest-erly 134.15 feet more or less, the last three courses being by land now or formerly of William S. Deferrari; thence turning and running South-easterly 243.70 feet more or less; thence in a general Southerly direction 60.23 feet more or less to the Northerly boundary line of the Quanna-powitt Drainage Easement and thence turning and running Southwest-erly by said Northerly Boundary Line of the Quannapowitt Drainage Easement 260 feet to the point of beginning.

Said parcel is estimated to contain 17,751 square feet of land, and said parcel is part of Lot 1 shown on Plat 48 of Town of Reading's As-sessors Plans,

and the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are further authorized to execute for and in behalf of the Town such Deed of Conveyance and other Instruments which may be necessary conveying such land to the purchaser thereof.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop it was voted that the By-laws for the Construction of Buildings be and the same hereby are amended by striking out Section 5-A and substituting in place there-of the following New Section 5-A

SECTION 5-A. Fees for Permits. The following fees shall be paid by the applicant on receipt of permit.

For a permit for the erection of each single dwelling .....	\$10.00
For each twin or duplex dwelling .....	16.00
For each apartment house (the first ten suites) .....	16.00
Add for each additional suite .....	4.00
For each single one-story store .....	10.00
For each block of such stores (the first store).....	10.00
Add for each additional store .....	4.00
For each school building .....	20.00
For buildings to be used solely as halls or theatres, for the first \$1000 of cost .....	2.00
And for each additional \$1000 not exceeding in all \$25.00 .....	.50
For each garage for not more than 2 cars .....	2.00
And for each additional car .....	1.00
For business buildings of stores and offices, and for all buildings and structures not included in any of the foregoing classifications, for the first \$1000 of cost .....	2.00
And for each additional \$1000 not exceeding in all \$20.00 .....	2.00
For alterations for the first \$1000 of cost .....	2.00
And for each additional \$1000 not exceeding in all \$5.50 .....	1.00

The Building Inspector shall endorse upon the back of the application the amount to be charged for the permit.

The applicant shall pay this amount to the Town Treasurer who will give the applicant a receipt for same, and endorse upon the back of the application that it has been paid.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the subject matter of Article 5 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the Rules and Regulations for the Inspection of Wires be and the same hereby are amended by inserting after Section 9 the following new Section to be known as Section 9a:

Section 9a. The following fees shall be paid by the applicant on receipt of permit.

For a complete new house .....	\$1.00
For all other permits .....	.50

The applicant shall pay this amount to the Town Treasurer who will give the applicant receipt for the same, and endorse upon the back of the permit that the fee has been paid.

ARTICLE 7 On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Hundred (\$1500.) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for the repairs and improvements to the Tree and Moth Department Garage made necessary because of the recent fire, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 8. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that a portion of the Vote relating to the establishment of a Recreation Committee

passed at the Special Town Meeting held on June 1, 1943, and the Vote passed at the Annual Town Meeting held on March 26, 1945, and the Vote passed at the Special Town Meeting held on March 28, 1955, increasing the Personnel of the Recreation Committee be and the same hereby are rescinded and that a new Recreation Committee be and the same hereby is established consisting of Nine Members for the purpose of conducting and promoting recreation, play, sport, physical education and other social, educational and recreational activities, upon such land and buildings as defined in Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, with authority to exercise all the powers conferred therein, including the purchase of the necessary equipment, and the employment of teachers, supervisors and other officers and employees, and the fixing of their compensation; one Member of such Committee to be appointed from the School Committee, one from the Board of Public Works, such Members to be appointed by the respective Committee and Board, and the seven remaining Members to be appointed at large by the Board of Selectmen, the Member chosen from the School Committee and the one chosen from the Board of Public Works and one Member appointed by the Selectmen at large shall serve for the term of three years., three Members appointed by the Board of Selectmen shall serve for two years and the remaining three Members shall serve for one year, and thereafter such membership shall be filled in like manner for the term of three years and such Board or Committee or the Board of Selectmen as the case may be shall fill any vacancy which may occur from time to time for the unexpired term of any Member. The Members shall serve until their successors are appointed and qualified.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 1 be taken from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was unanimously voted that John H. Austin be permitted to read the following report:

ARTICLE 1. The following report was read by John H. Austin:

**Report of the Building Committee  
For Proposed Forest Street Elementary School  
(in sheet form)  
attached herewith)**

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the report be accepted as a report of progress.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 1 on the table.

On motion of George Larson it was unanimously voted that John H. Austin and Thomas F. Galvin be permitted to inform the Town Meeting about the New School under Article 9.

ARTICLE 9. On motion of George R. Larson it was voted that the sum of Eight Hundred Fifty Thousand (\$850,000.) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of constructing a new Elementary School Building on land owned by the Town situated on the Southerly side of Forest Street and for originally equipping and furnishing the said Building; and to meet said appropriation Fifty Thousand (\$50,000.)



Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from Surplus Revenue and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and empowered to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote and that the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen be and he hereby is authorized to borrow the sum of Eight Hundred Thousand (\$800,000.) Dollars, Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.) Dollars to be borrowed in excess of the statutory limit as authorized under Chapter 645 of the Acts of 1948 as amended by Chapter 528 of the Acts of 1950 and Four Hundred Thousand (\$400,000.) Dollars to be borrowed within the statutory limit under authority of Chapter 44 of the General Laws and to issue Bonds or Notes of the Town for the said \$800,000.00 payable in accordance with the provisions of said Chapter 44 of the General Laws so that the whole loan shall be paid in not more than twenty years from the date of issue of the first Bond or Note or at such earlier time as the Treasurer and Selectmen may determine and said Bonds or Notes shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Selectmen, and the Building Committee established under vote of the Town at the Annual Town Meeting held on April 4, 1955, are hereby authorized to proceed with the construction of said Building and to enter into all Contracts and Agreements in respect thereto and to do all other acts and things necessary and proper for carrying out the provisions of this vote.

Vote: 130 Affirmative

0 Negative

ARTICLE 10. On motion of Donald C. Mitchell it was voted that the provisions of Chapter 670 of the acts of 1955 being an Act Relative to Increasing the Amounts of Pensions, Retirement Allowances and Annuities payable to Certain Former Public Employees, be and the same hereby are accepted.

ARTICLE 11. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of a Private Way known as Arthur B. Lord Drive and adopt the recommendation contained therein, and that the sum of Thirty-four Thousand Six Hundred (\$34,600.) Dollars be appropriated for the original construction of Arthur B. Lord Drive from Forest Street to Birch Meadow (proposed) Drive being an access road to the proposed new Forest Street Elementary School including the cost of oiled gravel surfaced roadway, storm drainage, and bituminous concrete sidewalks to be laid at the time of said construction, and to meet said appropriation the sum of Five Thousand (\$5000.) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the unexpended balance of the High School Access Roads Account and the sum of Twenty-nine Thousand Six Hundred (\$29,600) Dollars be raised and appropriated from the Tax Levy, said appropriation shall be apportioned as follows: Twenty Thousand (\$20,000) Dollars for Salaries and Fourteen Thousand Six Hundred (\$14,600.) Dollars for Expenses, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

**COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

Town of Reading

**Report of the Board of Public Works on  
The Laying Out of Arthur B. Lord Drive**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a Town Way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a Town Way for the use of the Town running Southerly and Southeasterly from Forest Street to Birch Meadow (Proposed) Drive substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Arthur B. Lord Drive.

We determine that no damage will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement.

This laying out so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a Public Town Way and named Arthur B. Lord Drive.

(signed) HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR., Chm.  
KENNETH R. JOHNSON  
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.  
Members of the Board  
of Public Works  
Town of Reading

ARTICLE 12. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Twenty-one Thousand (\$21,000.) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the construction of sewers, sewerage works and other sewerage facilities in Willow Street, from the Willow Street Sewage Pumping Station to West Street, said appropriation shall be apportioned as follows: Nine Thousand Four Hundred Fifty (\$9,450.) Dollars for Salaries and Eleven Thousand Five Hundred Fifty (\$11,550.) Dollars for Expenses, said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works, and that the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 1 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn, sine die, at 10:25 P. M.

132 Precinct Members were present.

A true copy

Attest

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

## ANNUAL TOWN ELECTION

Security Hall

March 5, 1956

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's Return thereon, a Town Election was held at the time and place specified in the Warrant.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 A. M. by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk, when on motion of Arthur L. Harris, it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant except the Constable's Return which was then read by the Town Clerk.

The ballot boxes were examined by the Constable in charge and each found to be empty, and all registered 000.

The polls were declared open by Charles P. Howard, with the following results.

	Prec. 1	Prec. 2	Prec. 3	Prec. 4	Total
<b>Moderator for one year</b>					
Charles P. Howard .....	229	294	239	287	1049
Robert M. Graham .....	68	111	70	80	329
Blanks .....	5	6	6	9	26
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Totals .....	302	411	315	376	1404
<b>Town Clerk for one year</b>					
Boyd H. Stewart .....	274	370	289	346	1279
Blanks .....	28	41	26	30	125
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Totals .....	302	411	315	376	1404
<b>Selectman for three years</b>					
Lawrence Drew .....	263	350	284	332	1229
Blanks .....	39	61	31	44	175
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Totals .....	302	411	315	376	1404
<b>Board of Public Welfare for three years</b>					
Newell H. Morton .....	280	367	290	339	1276
Blanks .....	22	44	25	37	128
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Totals .....	302	411	315	376	1404
<b>Assessor for three years</b>					
Harold B. Currell .....	252	346	277	316	1191
Blanks .....	50	65	38	60	213
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Totals .....	302	411	315	376	1404

**Treasurer for one year**

Preston F. Nichols .....	279	369	288	339	1275
Blanks .....	23	42	27	37	129
Totals .....	302	411	315	376	1404

**Municipal Light Board of three years**

Phillip G. Willcox .....	258	351	273	329	1211
Blanks .....	44	60	42	47	193
Totals .....	302	411	315	376	1404

**Constables for one year**

William H. Dewsnap .....	263	358	281	331	1233
Arthur L. Harris .....	255	349	272	319	1195
Blanks .....	86	115	77	102	380
Totals .....	604	822	630	752	2808

**Board of Public Works for three years**

Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. ....	260	346	265	329	1200
Blanks .....	42	65	50	47	204
Totals .....	302	411	315	376	1404

**Board of Health for three years**

Charles R. Baisley .....	277	360	283	340	1260
Blanks .....	25	51	32	36	144
Totals .....	302	411	315	376	1404

**School Committee for three years**

Newell H. Morton....	275	358	288	339	1260
Philip R. White .....	256	337	275	319	1187
Blanks .....	73	127	67	94	361
Totals .....	604	822	630	752	2808

**Library Trustees for three years**

H. Irene Latham .....	266	364	278	335	1243
Neil C. Robinson .....	260	350	275	327	1212
Blanks .....	78	108	77	90	353
Totals .....	604	822	630	752	2808

**Cemetery Trustees for three years**

M. Russell Meikle .....	260	343	277	327	1207
Lawrence A. Partelow .....	255	351	275	328	1209
Blanks .....	89	128	78	97	392
Totals .....	604	822	630	752	2808

**Cemetery Trustee for two years**

Stanley F. Maxwell .....	267	350	274	332	1223
Blanks .....	35	61	41	44	181
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Totals .....	302	411	315	376	1404

**Planning Board for three years**

Benjamin M. Hartshorn, Jr. ....	254	340	274	326	1194
Edward W. Batten .....	264	341	265	320	1190
Blanks .....	86	141	91	106	424
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Totals .....	604	822	630	752	2808

**Tree Warden for three years**

Maurice H. Donegan .....	264	356	280	334	1234
Blanks .....	38	55	35	42	170
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Totals .....	302	411	315	376	1404

**Precinct 1****Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years**

Ernest E. Brown, 76 Pearl St. ....	256
Philip J. Clough, 16 Gardner Rd. ....	237
Charles H. Easton, 30 Wakefield St. ....	218
Donald F. Ellingwood, 9 Gardner Rd. ....	217
Frederick J. Emerson, 43 Salem St. ....	228
Walter M. Fowler, 38 Fairmount Rd. ....	237
James J. Jellison, 53 Salem St. ....	212
William H. Miller, 293 Haverhill St. ....	209
Edith J. Platt, 9 Smith Ave. ....	219
Robert P. Smith, 28 Village St. ....	237
Kenneth D. Sumner, 71 Salem St. ....	237
Jack T. Turner, 221 Pleasant St. ....	175
Ralph A. Bedley, 266 Pleasant St. ....	171
Daniel McBride, 23 Elliott St. ....	165
Katherine C. Pierce, 13 Elliott St. ....	211
Robert F. Spousta, 52 Wakefield St. ....	138
Edward D. Winkler, 52 Pearl St. ....	201
Blanks .....	962
Totals .....	4530

**Town Meeting Member for two years**

Thomas F. Galvin, 20 Fairmount Rd. ....	248
Blanks .....	54
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Total .....	302

**Town Meeting Member for one year**

R. Tracy Eddinger, 40 Wakefield St. ....	239
Blanks .....	63
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Total .....	302



## Precinct 2

### Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years

Percy E. Anderson, 175 Prescott St. ....	308
W. Franklin Burnham, Jr., 106 Oak St. ....	252
Frank C. Cate, Jr., 201 West St. ....	272
Ruth W. Currier, 10 Vista Ave. ....	286
A. Lloyd David, 70 Howard St. ....	275
Roy E. Hatfield, 19 Oak St. ....	247
Earl W. Hobart, 182 Main St. ....	288
Walter S. Hopkins, Jr., 56 Walnut St. ....	331
Florence G. Nichols, 109 Prescott St. ....	290
Wendell H. Packard, 85 Pine Ridge Rd. ....	267
Charles E. Parker, 57 Pine Ridge Rd. ....	254
Carl B. Pitman, 23 Oak St. ....	272
Charles Stratton, 117 Oak St. ....	305
Harry R. Walker, 33 Curtis St. ....	267
Gilbert F. Bulley, 250 South St. ....	123
Elisabeth A. Dagdigian, 82 Hopkins St. ....	181
Stephen H. Dodd, 16 Orchard Park Drive ....	168
Richard C. Evans, 43 Springvale Rd. ....	175
Craig A. Murdoch, 106 Main St. ....	150
Charles K. Spalding, 124 Walnut St. ....	178
Blanks .....	1276
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Total .....	6165

### Town Meeting Member for two years

Frank J. Zeo, 9 Orchard Park Drive .....	292
Blanks .....	119
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Total .....	411

## Precinct 3

### Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years

Natalie Burnham, 189 Woburn St. ....	235
Daniel L. Chamberlain, 116 Lowell St. ....	263
Edmund M. Collins, 75 Deering St. ....	233
George E. Curtis, 58 Grand St. ....	266
Francis H. Doughty, 25 Berkeley St. ....	236
William E. Morrison, 6 Pilgrim Rd. ....	267
Donald H. Morse, 18 Bond St. ....	263
Frederick L. Moulton, 10 Bond St. ....	248
Gould B. Ruggles, 224 High St. ....	259
Frank M. Stevens, 14 School St. ....	266
Robert E. Stewart, 37 School St. ....	263
Robert E. Turner, 78 Middlesex Ave. ....	257
Arnold Berger, 8 Woodward Ave. ....	234
Edward R. Fasciano, 198 High St. ....	172

Casimir J. Kray, 16 Dustin Rd. ....	165
Charles S. Richardson, 67 Summer Ave. ....	230
Blanks .....	868

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Total .....	4725
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**Town Meeting Member for two years**

Edward L. Cornwall, 10 Pilgrim Rd. ....	260
Blanks .....	55

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Total .....	315
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**Town Meeting Member for one year**

George C. Ricker, 143 Willow St. ....	259
Francis G. Wall, 386 Lowell St. ....	259
Robert H. Verdi, 264 High St. ....	253
Blanks .....	184

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Total .....	945
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**Precinct 4**

**Fifteen Town Meeting Members for three years**

Wayne D. Bartlett, 23 Willard Rd. ....	261
H. Nelson Bates, 23 Nelson Ave. ....	266
Eleanor C. Bishop, 55 Lowell St. ....	292
William E. Burpee, 178 Wakefield St. ....	299
Adra P. Camp, 28 Highland St. ....	287
Carl W. Goodridge, 206 Bancroft Ave. ....	288
James E. Howard, 71 Grove St. ....	270
Harold D. Kilgore, Jr., 182 Franklin St. ....	286
Frank H. MacMillan, 863 Main St. ....	234
M. Russell Meikle, 141 Grove St. ....	257.
Fred W. Nelson, 420 Franklin St. ....	290
John H. Austin, 19 Weston Rd. ....	270
Edward G. Chapin, 147 Bancroft Ave. ....	269
Lawrence W. Leonard, 23 Weston Rd. ....	222
Willis H. Macomber, 29 Highland St. ....	214
Robert S. Parker, 22 Mt. Vernon St. ....	226
Bradford C. White, 371 Pearl St. ....	211
Blanks .....	1198

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Total .....	5640
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**Town Meeting Member for two years**

Ebbe S. Ebbeson, 389 Franklin St. ....	218
Robert D. Goodoak, 15 Evergreen Rd. ....	172
Andrew C. Peters, Jr., 120 Grove St. ....	203
Blanks .....	159

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Totals .....	752
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**Town Meeting Member for one year**

Patrick J. Pantano, 36 Chestnut Rd. ....	292
Anthony L. Rickley, 191 Lowell St. ....	285
Blanks .....	175
Totals .....	752

The polls were closed at 8 P. M. with the following results:

Whole number of votes cast — 1404.

The votes were declared in Open Town Meeting, sealed in ballot envelopes and transmitted to the Constable to be placed in the vault for safe keeping.

Voted to adjourn sine die, 10:30 P. M. March 5, 1956.

A true record

Attest

BOYD H. STEWART

Town Clerk

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**ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

New High School Auditorium

March 19, 1956

In the absence of the Moderator, the Town Clerk, Boyd H. Stewart, called the meeting to order at 7:45 P. M. and asked for nominations for a temporary Moderator to act at this meeting.

Kenneth C. Latham moved that Gilbert M. Lothrop be elected to act as temporary moderator at this meeting.

On motion of James T. Putnam it was voted that the nominations be closed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Town Clerk be instructed to cast one ballot for Gilbert M. Lothrop for Moderator to act at this meeting.

The Town Clerk then cast one ballot for Mr. Lothrop to act as temporary Moderator and declared him elected. Mr. Lothrop was then sworn in by the Town Clerk as Temporary Moderator.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk when on motion of James T. Putnam it was voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant except the Constable's Return which was then read by the Town Clerk.

There not being a quorum present, on motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the meeting stand adjourned until next Monday, evening, March 26, 1956 at 7:45 P. M. to meet at the New High School, 62 Oakland Road in Reading.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 P. M.

Five Town Meeting Members were present.

A true copy

Attest

BOYD H. STEWART

Town Clerk

## ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

New High School Auditorium

March 26, 1956

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard, at 8:00 P. M.

ARTICLE 2. The following report was read by John R. Kay.

Supplemental Report of Finance Committee on Annual Warrant of 1956 regarding Board of Public Works Snow and Ice Removal account:

Because of the storms of March 16, March 19, and March 24, 1956, the Board of Public Works has requested an additional appropriation for snow and ice removal of \$30,000. The revised total amounts requested are as follows:

Salaries .....	\$ 34,000.00
Expenses .....	35,456.00
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Total .....	\$ 69,456.00

The Finance Committee recommends the increased appropriation. It will add approximately \$1.00 to the estimated tax rate indicated in the Finance Committee Report for 1956.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the report be accepted and placed on file.

ARTICLE 2. The following report was read by Robert G. Clinch.

### **Report of the Planning Board**

The Planning Board respectfully report progress in their assigned task of revising the Building Code for the Town of Reading.

(signed) ROBERT CLINCH

BENJAMIN M. HARTSHORN, JR.

W. FRANKLIN BURNHAM, JR.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the report be accepted as a report of progress and placed on file.

ARTICLE 2. The following report was read by H. Foster McRell, Jr.

### **Report of Committee to Study the Fluoridation of the Town of Reading Public Water Supply**

**(in book form)**

**attached herewith**

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the report be accepted and placed on file.

ARTICLE 2. The following report was read by John H. Austin.

### **Progress Report of the Building Committee For Forest Street Elementary School**

The Forest Street School Building Committee upon the authorization to proceed with the construction of an elementary school and upon the appropriation of \$850,000.00 granted under Article 9 of the Warrant for the Special Town Meeting of January 30, 1956 submits herewith its progress report to date.

A contract has been signed between the Building Committee, representing the Town of Reading, and the architect, Clinton Foster Goodwin of Haverhill, for the working drawings, specifications and required supervision of construction. Structural plans are well under way and complete plans and specifications should be ready to request bids on the General Contract by the early part of May 1956.

Approval for this project has been received from the Massachusetts School Building Assistance Commission with the amount of State Aid for this school being computed at approximately 35%.

In addition a meeting was held with the Emergency Finance Commission on March 15, 1956 at the Office of the State Treasurer, State House, Boston, Massachusetts.

The Building Committee is making every effort toward having the school under construction in June, 1956 in order that the completion date of September, 1957 may be met.

(signed) JOHN H. AUSTIN, Chairman

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the report be accepted as a report of progress and placed on file.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 2 on the table.

On motion of W. Kenneth Holbrook it was voted to take up Article 48.

ARTICLE 48. C. Nelson Bishop moved that the subject matter of Article 48 be referred to the Board of Selectmen with instructions to take proper steps to have it brought before the voters of the Town on the ballot at the annual town election in 1957.

This motion was not voted.

ARTICLE 48. On motion of W. Kenneth Holbrook it was voted the sum of Three Thousand Four Hundred and Fifty (\$3,450) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of installing and operating a system for the fluoridation of the Town water supply and to purchase necessary equipment and material in connection therewith, and the Board of Public Works is hereby instructed to purchase and install the equipment for said purpose and to increase the amount of fluoride in the water supply of the Town, said work to be done under the supervision of the Board of Health of the Town and the Department of Health for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the following persons be chosen to serve as Measurers of Lumber for the ensuing year:

Harold B. Currell  
Fred F. Smith  
Maurice H. Donegan

and the following persons be chosen to serve as Measurers of Wood and Bark for the ensuing year:

Harold B. Currell  
Thomas E. Brogan  
Maurice H. Donegan

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Harold L. Jones it was voted that the several Town Boards be and hereby are instructed to liberalize their existing vacation policies up to a maximum of three (3) weeks subject to the approval of the Personnel Board.

ARTICLE 3. Robert B. Carlson moved that there be and hereby is established a special committee composed of seven members, for the purpose of making a comprehensive study of the salary schedule of the Reading School department and other related matters, such committee to consist of one member from the School Committee, one member from the Finance Committee, such members to be appointed by their respective committees, and five members to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen from the Town at large, and such committee to report at a subsequent Town Meeting to be held not later than the Annual Town Meeting of March, 1957.

This motion was not voted.

ARTICLE 3. DeMelle G. Garey moved that there be and hereby is established a Special Committee to be known as "Town Manager Study Committee" consisting of five members appointed by the Board of Selectmen.

The Committee shall consider the advisability of the Town Manager form of government for the Town of Reading and all matters relating thereto, and shall submit a written report to the Town not later than November 1, 1956.

This motion was not voted.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 3 on the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take up Article 25.

ARTICLE 25. On motion of Harold L. Jones it was voted that Schedule A Job Classifications under Article VIII-A of the By-Laws relating to the Wage and Hour Classification Plan be and the same hereby is amended in the following manner:

Delete from Board of Public Works the description for Assistant Superintendent and substitute therefore the following description:

**ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT:** Assists Superintendent in the performance of his duties. Perform the duties of the Superintendent during the absence of the Superintendent subject to the authority of the Board of Public Works. The Assistant Superintendent shall be familiar with the administrative procedures of the Public Works Departments.

Under the authority of Superintendent, the Assistant Superintendent shall take full charge of all construction and maintenance operations which are performed by department personnel. He shall plan routine work, instruct foremen, inspect work in the field, and submit progress reports to the Superintendent.

Add to the Board of Public Works the following new classification:

**ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT:** Performs routine administrative duties of Public Works departments. Prepares legal documents such

as land takings, easements, betterments. Computes charges for betterment construction of streets, sidewalks, sewers, water mains, and prepares commitment sheets for same. Performs title examinations as required.

Deals with the public in handling complaints and disseminating information. Assists in the preparation of budgets, yearly construction and maintenance reports, financial comparisons, efficiency studies, and other reports.

Amend Section 4, Board of Public Works, by establishing the hourly and weekly minimum and maximum rates for the new Job Classification of Administrative Assistant as follows:

Classification				
Section 4. Board of Public Works				
	Hourly		Weekly	
	Min	Max.	Min.	Max.
Administrative Assistant .....	\$1.50	\$1.88	\$60.00	\$75.20

Delete from the Municipal Light Department the following Classification:

ASSISTANT TO COMPTROLLER: Assists Comptroller in managing office under direction of Comptroller, supervises Cost and Statistical work, or other office activities. Functions as Chief Clerk.

Add to Municipal Light Department the following new classification:

ASSISTANT COMPTROLLER: Assists Comptroller in performance of Comptroller's duties as designated under Comptroller's Job Classification. Performs duties of Comptroller in Comptroller's absence.

JUNIOR ELECTRICAL ENGINEER: Electrical drafting, layout work, study and plan of station, substation and general distribution work. Direct tests and maintenance work of electrical nature, assist Distribution Engineer in studies and planing. Minimum of two years technical training and/or experience.

ELECTRICAL REPAIRMAN: Familiar with all phases of electrical station, substation and control work, including underground work. Capable of performing electrical maintenance work, such as circuit testing and load tests and repairs.

DISTRIBUTION RECORD AND COST ACCOUNTANT: Capable of maintaining distribution line and material records, costs and billings; preparing and recording rights of way and grants for pole locations. Collaborates with Telephone Company on joint line construction, maintenance and billing records and costs.

BOOKKEEPING: Shall be capable of handling General Ledger accounts and subsidiary records; payrolls, Distribution records, costs and billing. Works in conjunction with Asst. Comptroller and Distribution Record and Cost Accountant.



Amend Section 5. Municipal Light Department, by establishing the hourly and weekly minimum and maximum rates for the new Job Classifications as follows:

Section 5. Municipal Light Department

	Hourly		Weekly	
	Min	Max.	Min.	Max.
Assistant Comptroller .....			\$82.50	\$100.00
Junior Electrical Engineer .....			73.88	115.00
Electrical Repairman .....	\$1.44	\$2.125	57.60	85.00
Distribution and Record				
Cost Accountant .....			60.00	82.50
Bookkeeper .....			55.00	75.00

Add to the Police Department the following new Classification:

LIEUTENANT: To assist the Chief of Police as directed by him in both patrol and station house service and in day and night duty. In the absence of the Chief of Police, to perform all duties and functions of the Chief of Police and to be familiar with the obligations, responsibilities and duties of all superior ranks and to give assistance to all subordinates in instructing or advising them in matters of police work.

Amend Section 9, Police Department, by establishing the weekly minimum and maximum rates for the new Job Classification of Lieutenant as follows:

Classification

Section 9. Police Department.

	Weekly	
	Min.	Max.
Lieutenant .....	None	\$94.25

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take up Article 26.

ARTICLE 26. On motion of Harold L. Jones it was voted that the Schedule of Minimum and Maximum Salaries to be paid to employees in the positions included in the Employees Classifications Plan be and the same hereby is amended by striking out the hourly, weekly and annual minimum and maximum as appearing therein and substituting in place therefor under Job Classifications the following new hourly, weekly and annual minimum and maximum rates:

	New Hourly		New Weekly	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Section 1. Clerical Employees:				
Junior Clerk .....			\$ 35.00	\$ 50.00
Senior Clerk .....			45.00	58.00
Section 4. Public Works Department				
Pumping Station Engineer .....			64.00	85.00
Section 5. Municipal Light Department				
Distribution Engineer .....			100.00	125.00
Construction Superintendent ...			100.00	115.00
Line Truck Foreman .....	2.47	2.68	98.80	107.20
Cable Splicer .....	2.47	2.68	98.80	107.20
Asst. Cable Splicer .....	1.82	2.02	72.80	80.80

Lineman 1st Class .....	2.25	2.41	90.00	96.40
Lineman 2nd Class .....	None	2.10	None	84.00
Lineman 3rd Class .....	None	1.95	None	78.00
Groundman .....	1.40	1.83	56.00	73.20
Patrolman Apprentice .....	1.18	1.55	47.20	62.00
Meter Tester .....	1.15	1.94	46.00	77.60
Chief Operator .....	1.51	2.19	60.40	87.60
Operator .....	1.37	1.90	54.80	76.00
Stockroom Man .....	1.18	1.55	47.20	62.00
Service Man .....	1.44	1.94	57.60	77.60
Janitor .....	1.18	1.50	47.20	60.00
Section 7. Public Library				
Librarian .....			49.48	76.92
Asst. Librarian .....			37.08	67.31
Library Clerical .....	.75	1.25		
Section 8. Tree and Moth Department				
Superintendent .....			69.00	92.00
Section 9: Police Department				
Chief .....			100.00	109.60
Sergeant .....			None	87.00
Patrolman .....			69.25	80.00
Section 10. Fire Department				
Chief .....			100.00	109.60
Deputy .....			None	94.25
Captain .....			None	87.00
Lieutenant .....			None	83.65
Private .....			69.25	80.00
			New Annual	
			Min.	Max.
Call Man — Full time (24 hrs.) .....				\$400.00
Call Man — Half time .....				200.00
			New Weekly	
Janitor — Town Buildings .....			\$47.00	\$63.00

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Seventy-two thousand one hundred and twenty-eight and 86/100 (\$72,128.86) Dollars be raised and appropriated for General Government as follows, each item being considered as a separate appropriation:

Selectmen's Clerical .....	\$ 1,486.50
Selectmen's Expense .....	2,000.00
Town Accountant's Salary .....	4,982.00
Town Accountant's Clerical .....	741.00
Town Accountant's Expense (including Travel outside the State, not to exceed Two Hundred (200) Dollars) .....	600.00
Treasurer's Salary .....	2,937.50
Treasurer's Clerical .....	1,225.00
Treasurer's Expense .....	1,500.00



Collector's Salary (all fees collected to be paid to the Town Treasurer) .....	4,725.00
Collector's Clerical .....	6,850.00
Collector's Expense .....	2,300.00
Assessor's Salaries .....	4,275.00
Chairman .....	\$ 2,250.00
Secretary .....	1,200.00
Third Member .....	825.00
Total .....	<u>\$ 4,275.00</u>
Assessor's Clerical .....	6,428.50
Assessors' Expense .....	3,425.00
Town Counsel's Salary .....	2,937.50
Town Counsel's Expense .....	2,000.00
Town Clerk's Salary (all fees collected to be paid to the Town Treasurer) .....	1,925.00
Town Clerk's Clerical .....	3,288.00
Town Clerk's Expense .....	750.00
Registrars' Salaries .....	500.00
Registrars' Expense .....	2,000.00
Election and Registration Expense .....	6,500.00
Capital Exp. Planning Com. Exp. ....	300.00
Planning Board Expense .....	700.00
Finance Committee Expense .....	100.00
Personnel Board Expense .....	50.00
Municipal Building Janitor .....	3,252.86
Municipal Building Maintenance .....	4,000.00
Board of Appeals Expense .....	350.00
Total .....	<u>\$ 72,128.86</u>

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Two hundred eighty-eight thousand, nine hundred and seventy-eight and 43/100 (\$288,978.43) Dollars be raised and appropriated for Protection of Persons and Property as follows, each item being considered as a separate appropriation:

Police Department Salaries .....	\$106,877.59
Police Department Pensions .....	7,958.00
Police Department Maintenance (including travel outside the State, not to exceed Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars) ....	11,420.00
Police Station Maintenance .....	2,150.00
Police Station Janitor's Salary .....	1,200.00
Fire Department Salaries .....	87,128.34
Fire Department Callmen Salaries .....	6,750.00
Fire Department Pensions .....	1,375.00
Fire Department Maintenance (including travel outside the State to exceed Two hundred (\$200) Dollars) .....	9,700.00
Fire Stations Maintenance .....	3,200.00
Fire Alarm Maintenance Salaries .....	2,150.00

Fire Alarm Maintenance Expense .....	2,770.00
Fire Alarm Extension Salaries .....	1,000.00
Fire Alarm Extension Expense .....	600.00
Tree and Moth Department Salaries .....	22,582.00
Tree and Moth Department Expense .....	5,480.00
Hydrant Rentals .....	6,390.00
Drinking Fountains .....	100.00
Inspector of Buildings Salary .....	3,937.50
Inspector of Buildings Expense .....	680.00
Inspector of Wires Salary .....	700.00
Inspector of Wires Expense .....	500.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures Salary .....	700.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures Expense .....	250.00
Dog Officer's Salary .....	375.00
Dog Officer's Expense .....	400.00
Game Warden's Salary .....	105.00
Traffic Control .....	2,500.00

Total .....	<u>\$288,978.43</u>
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Article 4. On motion of Dr. Charles R. Baisley it was voted that the Sum of Twenty-eight thousand five hundred (\$28,500.) Dollars be raised and appropriated for Health and Sanitation as follows, each item being considered as a separate appropriation:

Board of Health Salaries .....	\$ 1,550.00
Board of Health Expense .....	700.00
Health Officer's Salary .....	700.00
Inspector of Plumbing Salary .....	1,500.00
Inspector of Animals Salary .....	400.00
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary .....	350.00
Inspector of Milk and Food Expense .....	50.00
Care of Contagious Diseases .....	5,000.00
Premature Babies .....	1,000.00
Garbage Collection .....	14,400.00
Dental Clinic .....	2,850.00

Total .....	<u>\$ 28,500.00</u>
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ARTICLE' 4. On motion of Daniel L. Chamberlain it was voted that the sum of One hundred ninety-six thousand and twenty-three and 60/100 (\$196,023.60) Dollars be raised and appropriated for Charities and Aid as follows, each item being considered as a separate appropriation:

Welfare General Aid Salaries .....	\$ 2,023.60	
Welfare General Aid Expenses .....	500.00	
Welfare General Aid .....	23,000.00	\$ 25,523.60
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Aid to Dependent Children		
Administrative .....	5,000.00	
Aid .....	15,500.00	20,500.00

#### Disability Assistance

Administration .....	1,500.00	
Aid .....	10,000.00	11,500.00
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#### Old Age Assistance

Administration .....	6,500.00	
Aid .....	132,000.00	138,500.00
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Total ..... \$196,023.60

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Twenty-one thousand and ninety-four (\$21,094.) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the Veterans' Benefits as follows, each item being considered as a separate appropriation:

Administrative Salaries .....	\$ 2,344.00
Administrative Expense .....	750.00
Aid .....	18,000.00
Total .....	\$ 21,094.00

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that the sum of Eight hundred seventy-seven thousand, and forty-four and 81/100 (\$877,044.81) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the School Department as follows, each item being considered as a separate appropriation:

General Salaries .....	\$720,085.61
General Maintenance .....	118,459.20
Vocational Tuition .....	3,000.00
Transportation .....	25,000.00
Athletics .....	8,000.00
Cafeterias .....	2,500.00
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Total .....	\$877,044.81

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Neil C. Robinson it was voted that the sum of Twenty-five thousand three hundred and twenty-eight and 97/100 (\$25,328.97) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the Public Library as follows, each item being considered as a separate appropriation:

Salaries .....	\$ 17,008.97	
Maintenance .....	8,320.00	\$ 25,328.97
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ARTICLE 4. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that the sum of Six Hundred Three Thousand One Hundred Fifty-two and Two One Hundredths (\$603,152.02) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the Board of Public Works as follows, each item being considered as a separate appropriation:

Salaries for Administration .....	\$ 9,118.00
Expenses for Administration .....	2,000.00
Salaries for Construction and Maintenance of Highways ....	55,000.00

Expenses for Repairs, Construction and Maintenance of Highways, setting curbs, purchase or otherwise acquiring land for sand and gravel purposes, purchase of materials, tools and equipment and other incidental expenses pertaining thereto .....	38,500.00
Salaries for Engineering Division .....	25,200.00
Expenses for Engineering Division .....	2,310.00
Salaries for Construction of Storm Drains .....	18,000.00
Expenses for Construction of Storm Drains .....	22,000.00
Salaries for Maintenance of Storm Drains .....	8,000.00
Expenses for Maintenance of Storm Drains .....	4,500.00
Salaries for Construction of Sidewalks .....	7,200.00
Expenses for Construction of Sidewalks .....	4,800.00
Salaries for Maintenance of Sidewalks .....	4,800.00
Expenses for Maintenance of Sidewalks .....	3,200.00
Salaries for Removal of Snow and Ice .....	34,000.00
Expenses for Removal of Snow and Ice .....	35,456.00
Salaries for Maintenance of Dumps .....	6,000.00
Expenses for Maintenance of Dumps .....	1,950.00
Salaries for Maintenance of Park Department and Commons and Supervised Play .....	16,000.00
Expenses for Maintenance of Park Department and Commons and Supervised Play .....	10,000.00
Salaries for Construction of Water Works .....	23,000.00
Expenses for Construction of Water Works .....	51,437.50
Salaries for Maintenance and Operation of Water Works — of which amount the sum of Eight Thousand Eight Hundred and Thirty-eight and Fifty-one Hundredths Dollars shall be transferred from Water Available Surplus and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.	49,000.00
Expenses for Maintenance and Operation of Water Works, including travel outside the State, not to exceed \$250.00	46,637.50
Expenses for Payment of Water Bonds and Interest .....	25,817.50
Salaries for the Extension of the Sewer System .....	23,500.00
Expenses for the Extension of the Sewer System .....	26,500.00
Salaries for Maintenance and Operation of the Sewer System .....	7,500.00
Expenses for Maintenance and Operation of the Sewer System and Payment of Interest on Sewer Bonds including travel outside the State .....	9,640.00
Salaries for Connecting Estates with the Common Sewer ....	12,750.00
Expenses for Connecting Estates with the Common Sewer ....	12,250.00
Public Works Pensions .....	7,085.52
<b>Total .....</b>	<b>\$603,152.02</b>

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Philip G. Willcox it was voted that there be included in the tax levy, for electricity used for street lights, the sum of Seventeen thousand (\$17,000) Dollars and that said sum and the income from sales of electricity to private consumers and for electricity supplies to municipal buildings, and for municipal power, and from sales of appliances and jobbing during the current fiscal year be appropriated for the Municipal Light Plant, and that the sum of Twelve Thousand (\$12,000) Dollars be appropriated from the said receipts of the department for the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise equipment, utensils and chattels, as provided in Section 34 of Chapter 164 of the General Laws, said appropriations to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Light Plant under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board, for the expense of the plant, including payments of Bonds and Notes, the sale, installation and servicing of merchandise, equipment, utensils and chattels, as defined in Chapter 164, Section 57 of the General Laws, or any amendments thereof, or addition thereto, and that if said sum of Seventeen thousand (\$17,000) Dollars and said income shall exceed said expense for said fiscal year, such excess up to the amount of 2½% of the primary cost of plant and General Equipment as of December 31st of the preceding year plus 10% of the net profit for the preceding year as defined in Chapter 164 of the General Laws, such amount shall be paid into the Town Treasury, and the balance, if any, shall be transferred to the Construction Fund of said Plant and appropriated and used for such additions thereto as may thereafter be authorized by the Municipal Light Board.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Edouard N. Dube it was voted that the sum of Twenty-four thousand five hundred (\$24,500) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the maintenance, care and developement of Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery as follows, each item being considered as a separate appropriation:

Salaries .....	\$22,000.00
Maintenance (including travel outside the State, not to exceed Two Hundred (\$200) Dollars) .....	2,500.00
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Total .....	\$ 24,500.00

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the sum of One Hundred seventy-four thousand (\$174,000) Dollars be raised and appropriated for Maturing Debt, not including light and water, as follows:

Sewer .....	\$ 24,000.00
School .....	140,000.00
Library .....	10,000.00
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Total .....	\$174,000.00

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the sum of Fifty-one thousand eight hundred and thirty-seven and 50/100



(\$51,837.50) Dollars be raised and appropriated for interest, not including water, light and sewer, as follows:

School .....	\$ 48,837.50
Library .....	500.00
Anticipation of Revenue .....	2,500.00
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Total .....	\$51,837.50

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Twenty-six thousand two hundred and forty-five and 77/100 (\$26,245.77) Dollars be raised and appropriated for Insurance.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Two thousand two hundred and twenty-two (\$2,222) Dollars be raised and appropriated for Memorial Day observance, to be expended under the direction of Post 62 American Legion and Post 685 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Two thousand (\$2,000) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the settlement of damage claims against the Town.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Two hundred (\$200) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the care and lighting of Old South Clock.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop it was voted that the sum of Nineteen hundred and thirty (\$1,930) Dollars be raised and appropriated for printing the Town Report for the year 1955.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop it was voted that the sum of Nine hundred (\$900) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the preparation and printing of the Street List for the year 1956, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop it was voted that the sum of Four hundred (\$400) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the maintenance of the parking areas.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Donald C. Mitchell it was voted that the sum of Forty-nine thousand eight hundred and forty-seven (\$44,847) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the Contributory Retirement System, to be divided as follows:

Pension Accumulation Fund .....	\$ 48,397.00
Expense Fund .....	1,450.00
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Total .....	\$ 49,847.00

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop it was voted that the sum of One hundred (\$100) Dollars be raised and appropriated for recording instruments in the Middlesex South District Registry of Deeds.



ARTICLE 4. On motion of John R. Kay it was voted that the sum of Twenty-five thousand (\$25,000) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from the Overlay Surplus Reserve Fund to the Reserve Fund, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 4 be laid on the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the meeting stand adjourned until April 2, 1956 at 8:00 P. M. to meet in the New High School Auditorium.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15 P. M.

159 Town Meeting Members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

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### **SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

New High School Auditorium

April 2, 1956

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard, at 7:45 P.M.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk when on motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant except the Constable's Return which was then read by the Town Clerk.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn, to meet in the New High School Auditorium on Monday evening, April 9, 1956, at 7:45 P.M.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 P.M.

156 Town Meeting Members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

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### **ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

New High School Auditorium

April 2, 1956

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard, at 8:00 P.M.

On motion of Lawrence A. Cate it was voted to take Article 3 from the table.

ARTICLE 3. Lawrence A. Cate moved that there be and hereby is established a Special Committee to be known as "Sewer Study Committee" consisting of one member of the Board of Public Works chosen by it, one member of the Finance Committee chosen by it, one Member of the Capital Expenditures Planning Committee chosen by it,

and four citizens of the Town to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, one member from each of the precincts of the Town.

The Committee shall consider a plan and program for the installation and construction of sewers in the Town and all matters relating thereto, including the financing thereof. The Committee shall submit a written report to the Town not later than January 1, 1957, and shall submit a report to any Special Town Meeting held subsequent to September 1, 1956.

ARTICLE 3. Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. moved that the subject matter of Mr. Cate's motion be indefinitely postponed.

This motion was not voted.

ARTICLE 3. Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. moved that Mr. Cate's motion be laid on the table until after discussion of Article 38.

This motion was not voted.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the Special Committee to study Sewer Construction be amended to include as a member of said committee a member of the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Lawrence A. Cate, as amended by Harold D. Kilgore, Jr., it was voted that there be and hereby is established a Special Committee to be known as "Sewer Study Committee" consisting of one member of the Board of Public Works chosen by it, one member of the Board of Health chosen by it, one member of the Finance Committee chosen by it, one member of the Capital Expenditures Planning Committee chosen by it, and four citizens of the Town to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, one member from each of the precincts of the Town.

The Committee shall consider a plan and program for the installation and construction of sewers in the Town and all matters relating thereto, including the financing thereof. The Committee shall submit a written report to the Town not later than January 1, 1957, and shall submit a report to any Special Town Meeting held subsequent to September 1, 1956.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 3 on the table.

ARTICLE 5. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the Town Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1957, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Sections 4 and 17 of Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the sum of Two hundred (200) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of foreclosing in the Land Court pursuant to provisions of Section 65 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws, the right of redemption to any and all real estate taken by the Town for nonpayment of taxes.

ARTICLE 7. On motion of Preston F. Nichols it was voted that the sum of Three thousand (3,000) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for the maintenance of various streets previously constructed under Chapter 90 of the General Laws; and that the further sum of Twenty thousand two hundred and fifty (20,250) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for the construction under Chapter 90 of the General Laws of a portion of West Street from near Palmer Hill Avenue toward the Wilmington-Reading town line, provided however, that such sums received as reimbursement from the State and County shall be credited to Surplus Revenue, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 8. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell or exchange upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, the 1955 Ford Police Cruising Car used by the Police Department, and that the sum of Eleven hundred and seventy-five (1,175) Dollars together with the proceeds from such sale or exchange be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a new Station Wagon for the Police Department.

ARTICLE 9. Lawrence W. Leonard moved that this Article be indefinitely postponed.

This motion was not voted.

ARTICLE 9. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Ninety thousand (90,000) Dollars be transferred from the Stabilization Fund and the sum of Thirty-five thousand (35,000) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue, and that said sums aggregating One hundred and twenty-five thousand (125,000) Dollars be appropriated for the construction of a new fire house station building on the northerly side of Woburn Street upon land now owned by the Town and for originally equipping and furnishing the said building (with the exception of engines), and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized to transfer said sums to carry out the purpose of this vote, and the Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized to proceed with the construction of said building and to enter into all contracts and agreements in respect thereto and to do all other acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out the provisions of this vote.

ARTICLE 10. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Two thousand (2,000) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a new automobile to be used by the Chief of the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 11. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham, as amended by John R. Kay, it was voted that the sum of Twenty thousand (20,000) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for the purchase of a new Fire Truck, equipped with a one thousand gallon per minute pumping engine, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 12. On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop it was voted that the sum of Thirteen hundred (1,300) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purchase of uniforms for members of the Police Department.

ARTICLE 13. On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop it was voted that the sum of Six hundred and twenty-five (625) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purchase of uniforms for members of the Fire Department.

ARTICLE 14. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Five hundred (500) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the further development and maintenance of the Town Forest.

ARTICLE 15. On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop it was voted that the sum of Twelve hundred (1,200) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the care of graves of any persons who have served in the Army, Navy, or Marine Corps of the United States in time of war or insurrection, and who have been honorably discharged from such service, as provided by Section 9 of Chapter 115 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 16. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Fifty-five hundred (5,500) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the rental of a helicopter and for labor and material used in connection therewith for spraying trees in the Town by the Tree and Moth Department.

ARTICLE 17. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Fourteen hundred (1,400) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the eradication of mosquitoes in the Town, such sum to be expended under the supervision of the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 18. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Sixteen hundred (1,600) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a new Pick-up Truck for the Tree and Moth Department.

ARTICLE 19. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to sell or exchange, upon such terms and conditions as they may determine, the 1946 Cadillac used by the Police Department as the Town Ambulance, and that the sum of Nine thousand (9,000) Dollars together with the proceeds from such sale or exchange, be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a new Town Ambulance for the Police Department.

ARTICLE 20. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to lease upon such terms and conditions as they may determine such portion of the old high school building as the Board may determine for the use of a unit of the State Militia, and the Board of Selectmen are further authorized to execute for and on behalf of the Town a lease in such form as the Board may determine, said lease to be for a term of not more than five (5) years.



ARTICLE 21. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to lease upon such terms and conditions as they may determine such portion of the old high school building as the Board may determine, and the Board of Selectmen are further authorized to execute for and on behalf of the Town leases in such form as the Board may determine, said leases to be for terms of not more than five (5) years.

ARTICLE 22. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Twenty-five thousand (25,000) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated for furnishing and installing a new heating system in the old high school building, said appropriation to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 23. On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop, it was voted that the term of office of Constables of the Town be increased from one year to three years, commencing with the annual Town election to be held in 1957.

ARTICLE 24. On motion of Harold L. Jones it was voted that Section 3 of the Regulations relating to Job Classifications under Article VIII-A of the By-laws relating to Wage and Hour Classifications be amended by striking out said Section 3 and substituting in place thereof the following:

### **Section 3. Administration**

There shall be a Personnel Board consisting of three members as follows: One member of the Finance Committee, such member to be chosen by the Finance Committee, and two members who shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen and shall be citizens of the Town, but shall not be Town Officers nor employees of the Town, except that they may be Town Meeting Members. The Board of Selectmen shall forthwith after the effective date of this regulation appoint one member for a term expiring April 15, 1957, and a second member for a term expiring April 15, 1958. At the expiration of said terms and at all times thereafter the appointments by the Board of Selectmen shall be for a term of three years.

The Town Accountant shall act as Executive Secretary to the Personnel Board.

ARTICLE 27. On motion of Robert E. Turner it was voted that the sum of Seven thousand five hundred and sixty-five (7,565) Dollars, (Five thousand seven hundred and sixty-five (5,765) Dollars for Salaries, and Eighteen hundred (1,800) Dollars for Expenses), be raised and appropriated for the purpose of conducting and promoting recreation, play, sports, physical education and other social, educational and recreational activities upon such land and in such buildings as defined in Section 14 of Chapter 45 of the General Laws, with authority to exercise all powers conferred therein including the purchase of necessary equipment and the employment of teachers, supervisors and

other officers and employees and the fixing of their compensation, and said sum to be expended under the direction of the Recreation Committee.

ARTICLE 28. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the provisions of Sections 42-G, 42-H, and 42-I of Chapter 40 of the General Laws as inserted by Chapter 332 and 639 of the Acts of 1955, being an Act to authorize the levy of Special Assessments to Meet the Cost of Laying Water Pipes in Public and Private Ways, be and the same hereby are accepted.

ARTICLE 29. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading be and they hereby are authorized and empowered to levy special assessments on estates to meet the cost in whole or part of laying water pipes in Public and Private Ways for the conveyance or distribution of water to the Inhabitants of the Town of Reading, under authority of the provisions of Sections 42-G, 42-H, and 42-I of Chapter 40 of the General Laws as inserted by Chapters 332 and 639 of the Acts of 1955.

ARTICLE 30. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that the sum of Two Thousand Four Hundred (\$2,400.00) Dollars be raised from the Tax Levy and Appropriated for the resurfacing with bituminous macadam of two tennis courts in Memorial Park and one tennis court in Birch Meadow Playground, said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works.

ARTICLE 31. On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr. it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of a Private Way known as Margaret Road and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Four Thousand Four Hundred (\$4,400.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated from the Tax Levy for the laying out and construction of said way, said sum to be apportioned as follows:

Two Thousand Four Hundred (\$2,400.00) Dollars for Salaries and Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars for Expenses.

## **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

Town of Reading

### **Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of Margaret Road**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location herein-after described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a town way for the use of the town running Northwesterly from



a town way now known as Parkman Road, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Margaret Road.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a public town way and named Margaret Road, and that the sum of Four Thousand Four Hundred (\$4,400.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the construction of said way.

HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR., Chairman  
KENNETH R. JOHNSON, Secretary  
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.  
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.  
C. J. DONAHUE

Members of the  
Board of Public Works  
Town of Reading

ARTICLE 32. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of a Private Way known as Martin Road and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred (\$19,300.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated from the Tax Levy for the laying out and construction of said way, said sum to be apportioned as follows:

Ten Thousand Three Hundred (\$10,300.00) Dollars for Salaries and Nine Thousand (\$9,000.00) Dollars for Expenses.

## **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

Town of Reading

### **Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of Martin Road**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a town way for the use of the town running Northerly from a town way now known as Forest Street, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Martin Road.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a public town way and named Martin Road, and that the sum of Nineteen Thousand Three Hundred (\$19,300.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the construction of said way.

HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR., Chairman  
C. J. DONAHUE, Secretary  
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.  
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.  
KENNETH R. JOHNSON

Members of the  
Board of Public Works  
Town of Reading

ARTICLE 33. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of a Private Way known as Pine Ridge Road and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred (\$9,500.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated from the Tax Levy for the laying out and construction of said way, said sum to be apportioned as follows:

Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars for Salaries and Four Thousand Five Hundred (\$4,500.00) Dollars for Expenses.

### **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

Town of Reading

#### **Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of Pine Ridge Road**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a Town Way for the use of the Town, running in a Southwesterly direction from the Public Town Way known as Pine Ridge Road at Station 23 97.70 as accepted at the annual Town Meeting held in March, 1950, a distance of 832.05 feet to a Public Town Way known as South Street.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person

or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a public town way and named Pine Ridge Road, and that the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred (\$9,500.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the construction of said way.

HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR., Chairman  
KENNETH R. JOHNSON, Secretary  
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.  
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.  
C. J. DONAHUE

Members of the  
Board of Public Works  
Town of Reading

ARTICLE 34. On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr. it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of a Private Way known as Grant Street and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Seven Thousand (\$7,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated from the Tax Levy for the laying out and construction of said way, said sum to be apportioned as follows:

Three Thousand Seven Hundred (\$3,700.00) Dollars for Salaries and Three Thousand Three Hundred (\$3,300.00) Dollars for Expenses.

## **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

Town of Reading

### **Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of Grant Street**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a town way for the use of the town running Northeasterly from a town way now known as Summer Avenue, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Grant Street.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a public town way and named Grant Street, and that the sum of Seven Thousand (\$7,000.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the construction of said way.

HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR., Chairman  
KENNETH R. JOHNSON, Secretary  
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.  
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.  
C. J. DONAHUE

Members of the  
Board of Public Works  
Town of Reading

ARTICLE 35. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of a Private Way known as Indiana Avenue and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred (\$9,500.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated from the Tax Levy for the laying out and construction of said way, said sum to be apportioned as follows:

Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars for Salaries and Four Thousand Five Hundred (\$4,500.00) Dollars for expenses.

## **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

Town of Reading

### **Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of Indiana Avenue**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a town way for the use of the town running Southerly from a town way now known as Virginia Road to a Dead End and Northerly from said Virginia Road to a Dead End, a total distance of 615.63 feet more or less, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Indiana Avenue.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known

as a public town way and named Indiana Avenue and that the sum of Nine Thousand Five Hundred (\$9,500.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the construction of said way.

HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR., Chairman  
Secretary

WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.  
KENNETH R. JOHNSON  
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.

Members of the  
Board of Public Works  
Town of Reading

ARTICLE 36. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of a Private Way known as Rachel Road and adopt the recommendations contained therein, and that the sum of Three Hundred Twenty (\$320.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated from the Tax Levy for the laying out and construction of said way, said sum to be apportioned as follows:

One Hundred Sixty (\$160.00) Dollars for Salaries and One Hundred Sixty (\$160.00) Dollars for Expenses.

#### **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

Town of Reading

#### **Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of Rachel Road**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way under the provisions of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, substantially in the location herein-after described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a town way for the use of the town running Northwesterly from a town way now known as Summer Avenue, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Rachel Road.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement. All acts in connection with said laying out are done under the provision of law authorizing the assessment of betterments, and betterments are to be assessed therefor.

This laying out so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a public town way and named Rachel Road, and that the sum of



Three Hundred Twenty (\$320.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the construction of said way.

HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR., Chairman  
KENNETH R. JOHNSON, Secretary  
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.  
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.  
C. J. DONAHUE

Members of the  
Board of Public Works  
Town of Reading

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn, to meet in the New High School Auditorium on Monday evening, April 9, 1956, after the adjournment of the Special Town Meeting held on that evening.

Meeting adjourned at 10:35 P.M.

158 Town Meeting Members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

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### **ADJOURNED SPECIAL TOWN MEETING**

New High School Auditorium

April 9, 1956

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard, at 8:00 P.M.

ARTICLE 1. The following report was read by Woodbury C. Titcomb.

#### **A Report on the Problem of School and Recreation Sites (in book form — attached herewith)**

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the report be accepted as a report of progress and placed on file.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 1 on the table.

On motion of Philip R. White it was voted to take up Article 8.

ARTICLE 8. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized for and on behalf of the Town to acquire by purchase, right of eminent domain or otherwise, for school purposes the following described parcel of land:

A certain parcel of land in Reading, Mass. being a part of the Glen Meadow Estates and shown on a Land Court Plan Case No. 24496 bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at the division property line of lots 25 and 26 and running S. 53°-45'-55" W a distance of 104.82 feet, thence turning and running S. 68°-50'-52" W a distance of 538.25 feet, thence turning and running N. 21°-09'-08" W a distance of 551.00 feet, thence turning and running along the Southerly side line of Stewart Road, N. 68°-50'-52" E a distance of 613.32 feet to the Westerly side line of Edgemont Road, thence turning and running along said Westerly side line, S. 19°-09'-55"



E a distance of 415.16 feet to a point of curvature, thence by a curve to the left of radius 152.23 feet a distance of 119.12 feet to the point of beginning; said parcel being comprised of lots 26 to 30 inclusive and lots 34 to 43 inclusive and that portion of Garrett Road between these lots and containing 334,029 more or less square feet; and that Fifty-three thousand eight hundred Dollars (\$53,800.00) be transferred from the following Accounts:

Three thousand Dollars (\$3,000.00) from the Real Estate Account;

One thousand seven hundred and forty and 18/100 Dollars (\$1,740.18) from the School Plans and Survey Forest Street Account; and

Forty-nine thousand and fifty-nine and 82/100 Dollars (\$49,059.82) from Surplus Revenue, and that said sum of Fifty-three thousand eight hundred Dollars (\$53,800.00) be appropriated for the acquisition of such land, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sums to carry out the purpose of this vote.

In addition to all other authority given to the Board of Selectmen by this vote, and without limitation of the foregoing, the Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized to enter into all contracts and agreements for the purpose of acquiring title to the aforesaid land and for the construction and installation of roads, sewerage, drainage, and water mains abutting and connecting to the said land, and to take such security as they deem necessary in order to secure the performance of all agreements for such purpose, and to do all other acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out the provisions of this vote.

133 voted in the affirmative.

0 in the negative.

ARTICLE 2. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that Article 2 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop it was voted that the sum of Five thousand (5,000) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the maintenance of the old high school building.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 4 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 5. On motion of Robert G. Clinch it was voted that the Planning Board be and hereby is authorized to employ legal counsel in connection with the appeal taken by the Planning Board to the Superior Court for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts relating to the decision of the Board of Appeals for the property owned by Harris Zitzow, and that the sum of Two hundred and fifty (250) Dollars be raised and appropriated for legal expenses in connection with the said appeal to the Superior Court.

ARTICLE 6. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that Article 6 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 7. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that the School and Recreation Site Committee established by vote of the Annual Town Meeting on April 4, 1955, is herewith instructed to continue with

its comprehensive study and investigation of suitable sites in the Town for schools and for recreational areas, and that the said Committee is herewith authorized to negotiate for the purchase by the Town of any sites which in the opinion of the said Committee are suitable for said purposes and to obtain from the owners of such sites options for such purchase, without creating any liability on the part of the Town to exercise the said options, and that the sum of Four hundred dollars (\$400.00) be transferred from the School New Car Purchase Account and be appropriated for expenses incurred by the said Committee in connection with their work as authorized by this vote, including the taking of test borings, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 9. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 9 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

ARTICLE 1. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 1 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn, sine die, at 9:00 P.M.

141 Precinct Members present.

A true copy. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

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### **ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

New High School Auditorium

April 9, 1956

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard, at 9:00 P.M.

On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.

ARTICLE 2. The following report was read by Kenneth R. Johnson.

**Report on Sanitary Sewer Conditions  
to Town Meeting Members by  
Board of Public Works**

At this time the Board of Public Works feels it is important that the Town Meeting members be given a report of the situation in Reading concerning sewers. The Board wishes to make known certain facts. The Board believes that the only way a sound appraisal and honest decisions can be made is to have factual information. Inasmuch as practically all of the public hearings — whether held for sewer extensions or any other problem — which come before our Board eventually seem to get around to the subject of sewerage. Consequently, the Board is well aware and has given much time and study to the sewer problem in Reading. It has been the policy of the Board to keep

both the Finance Committee and the Capital Budget Committee informed concerning the financial requirements as they occur. Since the Board of Public Works is the only agency through which citizens may obtain relief, we feel it our obligation to present to the town meeting the desires of those citizens in dire need of common sewer.

At present the Town of Reading has 64½ miles of accepted roads. Added to this are about 11 miles of private ways which have been presented to the Board of Survey. This makes a total of 75½ miles of roadways in Reading. Of this number there are 20.6 miles of sewered streets. This makes 55 miles of possible streets to sewer in the future.

The cost of constructing common sewerage has tended to increase as has all other public construction. During the year 1955 the cost of common sewer construction in the town of Reading was \$60,000 per mile. However, for the coming year, the cost of sewer construction — to be on the conservative side — could be as high as \$70,000 per mile. So, at this time, if it were to be considered to sewer the entire town of Reading, we would be discussing a sum somewhere in the vicinity of \$3,900,000. In recent weeks the figure of \$6,000,000 has been used. This is \$2,100,000 more than our estimate according to present-day indicated costs.

Chapter 314, Acts of 1909 of the General Laws authorized the Town of Reading to construct a system of sanitary sewers. In 1911 the town voted to accept the provisions of the Act. In 1916 it was voted to accept Chapter 159, Acts of 1916, admitting the Town of Reading to the North Metropolitan Sewerage District. In May of 1916 the town authorized the Sewer Commissioners to employ Frank A. Barbour, consulting engineer, to survey the town and design a system of sewerage and underdrains. The report provided for 38.8 miles of gravity sewerage, of which 20.6 miles have been constructed up to January first of this year. This master plan, together with the street profiles, is being followed — with certain changes occasioned by the growth of the town. Consequently, we have the engineering studies for many more miles of sewer main extensions within our present gravity system whenever sufficient appropriations become available. In 1954 the present Willow Street pumping station was constructed to serve the new High School with the result that a new area was made available for sewer main extensions.

The procedure on sewer main extensions is as follows:

1. When citizens come to the Board of Public Works about obtaining sewer, we tell them that the procedure is to procure a signed petition of property owners on their street and file it with the Board.

2. These petitions are then placed on file in sequence as they are received. We have not accepted petitions where sewer cannot be extended beyond our present facilities — meaning the gravity system plus the area served by the Willow Street Sewerage Pumping Station.

3. The Department then prepares a construction estimate of the cost of the sewer extension, including if necessary, the cost of connecting links of main sewer necessary before petitioned-for sewer can be constructed.

4. The Department also prepares, makes a study of sanitation conditions in the area served by the petition, and the need for a sewer

extension. A report of their findings is then made to the Board for its consideration.

5. A public hearing is then held, and the petitioners present their need for sewer. They are given an estimate of the cost to them, individually, of the extension. The petitioners are also polled as to their individual interest of connecting with the sewer. It is the policy of the Board of Public Works to obtain signed applications for sewer house connections from at least 90% of the abutters before recommending a sewer extension. The present policy of the Board of Public Works regarding the allocation of sewer mains is the same policy that has been in effect for many years. That policy is and has been a three-part policy of:

1. Giving relief to those citizens who are in the greatest need and who can be serviced within our budget limitations.

2. Providing sewer according to the relative date of receipt by the Board of Sewer petitions.

3. Maintaining a sufficiently flexible sewerage program to serve the best interests of all the taxpayers of the Town of Reading.

This policy must of necessity remain flexible. Many factors enter into this. Such items as permanent road construction, developments where sewers can readily be made available to the developers use, in which event the developer is required to install sewers at his own expense. Several other conditions are important factors requiring a highly flexible Board of Public Works policy regarding sewer main extensions. As an example, West Street is worthy of specific mention. Inasmuch as West Street is to become a Chapter 90 road with macadam penetration (hard rock) surface, and since construction will begin this year starting at Woburn Street, the Board believes it most necessary that sewer mains and sewer house connections be placed in West Street at this time. With West Street sewer installed to proper grades, it will be possible to sewer the entire Wescroft development; by easement it will be possible to service County Road, and other roads will be serviced by West Street sewer such as Palmer Hill Avenue and several others.

The need for sewer extensions has increased steadily as indicated by the number of sewer extension applications received by the Board of Public Works.

In October 1953 there were on hand sewer extension applications totaling an estimated \$100,000.00.

As of April 1, 1956 there were on hand a total of 63 sewer extension applications containing 663 signatures of citizens. To construct these extensions at present day costs would require \$557,000.00. There are 48,384 lineal feet or 9.18 miles of sewer main construction involved in these applications.

Since the construction of the Willow Street Sewer Pumping Station the sewerage system is available to many more streets. It is from this area that we have received many citizens and groups showing good reasons why main line sewer should be extended to service them. These people have, in many cases, waited years for sewers to become available to them. And now that it is available to them (in some cases the sewer main goes to the end of their street) they do not understand why



sufficient funds are not made available so that present insanitary conditions on their streets may be corrected. Town Meeting members representing many of these citizens are no doubt present this evening. It is also to the advantage of all the citizens of Reading that such conditions as cesspools overflowing onto public ways should be eliminated as soon as possible.

Cost to applicants on sewer construction is subdivided into three parts, as follows:

1. Sewer Frontage Assessments.
2. Sewer House Connections.
3. Sewer Rental or semi-annual sewer service charge.

Of these, the first listed, Sewer Frontage Assessment, is a statutory amount set by Chapter 314, Acts of 1909, which states that 30% of the cost of construction shall be assessed to abutters. The present charges for street frontage assessments are \$2.50 per lineal foot. In 1956 the frontage assessment has been increased from \$1.25 per foot to \$2.50 per foot in view of rising construction costs for labor and material.

One hundred per cent of the sewer house connection cost is charged applicants, from the sewer main to through the cellar wall.

Sewer rental or sewer service charges are based on water usage as determined by water meter readings, and are approximately 60% of metered water rates. Both sewer frontage assessments and sewer rental charges are reviewed from time to time by the Board, as required by law.

In this report the Board of Public Works have endeavored to present the factual situation regarding the sewerage situation in Reading as it exists today.

The Board desires to carry out the wishes of the citizens. It welcomes the Special Committee authorized here last week. Other interested groups or individuals are also welcomed by the Board.

### **Conclusion**

The problem of Sanitary Sewer Construction in Reading has two general methods of solution.

1. Embark on a rapid program to install sanitary sewer lines to all dwelling houses in Reading, or,
2. Continue construction in accordance with applications.

An accelerated program to sewer the entire Town would require financing by means of a Bond Issue.

The statutory limit for borrowing would have to be increased. Payment on Bonds could be spread over ten or twenty years, which would obligate the Town for future payments.

As reported in detail the large influx of applications has definitely been due to the recent construction of the High School Sewer and Willow Street Sewage Pumping Station, which made available for sewerage a large new area within the Willow Street Gravity District.

With the large amount of sewer main applications now on hand there is a possibility that the peak has been reached. Also, the increased assessment charges may act as a deterrent for future applications.

In the final analyses the only person qualified to determine the need for common sewer is the applicant. The decision of the applicant can only be made when he has the cost estimates available. Common sewage versus Individual sewage systems in most instances is a matter of balancing costs.

The Board of Public Works definitely believes that whether a resident spends his money for common sewer or a cesspool is and can only be his decision, and as Sewer Commissioners it is the responsibility of the Board of Public Works to present the request for funds to the Town Meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH R. JOHNSON, Chairman  
COLEMAN J. DONAHUE, Secretary  
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.  
HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR.  
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.

Board of Public Works  
Town of Reading

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the report be accepted and placed on file.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 2 on the table.

On motion of Robert E. Turner it was voted to take Article 3 from the table.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Robert E. Turner it was voted that there be and hereby is established a Special Committee to be known as "Park and Recreation Department Study Committee" consisting of one member of the Board of Selectmen chosen by it, one member of the Recreation Committee chosen by it, one member of the Board of Public Works chosen by it, one member of the Finance Committee chosen by it, one member of the School Committee chosen by it, and four citizens of the Town to be appointed by the Board of Selectmen, one member from each of the precincts of the Town.

The Committee shall consider the advisability of establishing a Park and Recreation Department for the Town, the work to be performed by such a Department, and all other matters relating thereto. The Committee shall submit a written report not later than the next Annual Town Meeting.

On motion of Robert E. Turner it was voted to place Article 3 on the table.

ARTICE 38. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that the sum of Seventy Nine Thousand (\$79,000.00) Dollars to be raised from the Tax Levy and appropriated for the construction of sewers, sewerage works and other sewerage facilities to be used in such locations as the Board of Public Works may determine, said sum to be apportioned as follows:

Thirty Seven Thousand (\$37,000.00) Dollars for Salaries and Forty



Two Thousand (\$42,000.00) Dollars for Expenses, said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works.

67 voted in the affirmative.

60 voted in the negative.

ARTICLE 39. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Forty Three Thousand Nine Hundred (\$43,900.00) Dollars be raised, and appropriated by transferring Twenty Three Thousand Five Hundred Two and Thirty One Hundredths (\$23,502.30) Dollars of said sum from the Road Machinery Fund to the Road Machinery Operating Account and the remaining sum of Twenty Thousand Three Hundred Ninety Seven and Seventy One Hundredths (\$20,397.70) Dollars to be raised from the Tax Levy and that the total sum of Forty Three Thousand Nine Hundred (\$43,900.00) Dollars be appropriated for the maintenance, repair and operation of road machinery and for purchase by the Board of Public Works of One (1) Business Coupe, One (1)  $\frac{3}{4}$  Ton Pick-Up Truck, One (1)  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Ton Truck Chassis, One (1) 2 Ton Truck Chassis, One (1)  $3\frac{1}{2}$  Ton Truck, One (1) 2 Ton Roller, One (1) 125 cubic foot Air Compressor, and One (1) Mechanical Street Sweeper and the proceeds received from the sale of old equipment be appropriated in addition to the above mentioned sum of Forty Three Thousand Nine Hundred (\$43,900.00) Dollars as part of the purchase price for the above mentioned equipment and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said amount to carry out the purpose of this vote.

On motion of William J. Richmond it was voted to take up Article 44.

ARTICLE 44. Kenneth R. Johnson moved that the Town vote to amend Article X of the General By-Laws of the Town by inserting after Section 5 thereof the following new section to be known as Section 5A:

Section 5A. No person shall allow or cause water to flow, by mechanical means or otherwise, from a cellar or sump pit onto a public way within the limits of the Town, unless a permit therefor is issued by the Board of Public Works.

Any person violating any of the provisions of this section shall be punished by a fine of not more than twenty dollars.

This motion was not voted.

ARTICLE 40. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Six Thousand Seven Hundred Fifty (\$6,750.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated from the Tax Levy for the purpose of improving and constructing a portion of West Street from near Palmer Hill Avenue toward the Wilmington-Reading Town Line, together with such sums as may be provided by the State and County under Section 34 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws.

ARTICLE 41. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated from the Tax Levy for maintaining, repairing and resurfacing streets constructed under Section 34 of Chapter 90 of the General Laws together with such sums as may be provided by the State and County.

ARTICLE 42. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that Article 42 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 43. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that Article 43 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 45. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars be transferred from the unexpended balance of the Waier Department New Standpipe Account for the purpose of constructing an addition to the Municipal Garage located on John Street for the Water Department and that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized and instructed to accept on behalf of the Town for use in carrying out such project any Federal Funds which may be granted therefor, such sum or sums to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 46. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Two Hundred Eighty (\$1,280.00) Dollars be raised from the Tax Levy and appropriated for cleaning the Town Parking Areas located Westerly of Main Street and Northerly of Haven Street, and Northerly of Haven Street and Easterly of Chute Street, to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works, said sum to be apportioned as follows: \$960.00 for salaries and \$320.00 for expenses.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the meeting stand adjourned at 11:00 P.M. until April 16, 1956 at 7:45 P.M. to meet in the New High School Auditorium.

141 Precinct Members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

### **ADJOURNED ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

New High School Auditorium

April 16, 1956

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard, at 8:00 p.m.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 37 from the table.

ARTICLE 37. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the re-locating or altering of the North-Westerly corner of Pleasant Street and Eaton Street and adopt the recommendations contained therein.

### **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

Town of Reading

#### **Report of the Board of Public Works on the Relocation or Alteration of the Northwestern Corner of Pleasant Street and Eaton Street**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading, having deter-

mined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity, require that the public highways be laid out, relocated or altered as and in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to owners of land thereof, and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing, and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out, relocated or altered as public highways for the use of the Town, the Northwesterly corner of Pleasant Street and Eaton Street.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement.

No betterments are to be assessed for this improvement.

This laying out, relocation or alteration so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the Town, that said public highways shall therefore be laid out, relocated or altered in accordance with said plan.

HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR., Chairman  
C. J. DONAHUE, Secretary  
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.  
KENNETH R. JOHNSON  
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.

Members of the  
Board of Public Works  
Town of Reading

ARTICLE 47. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the relocating or altering of the Southerly side line of Middlesex Avenue at its intersection with the Easterly side line of Vine Street and adopt the recommendations contained therein.

#### **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

Town of Reading

#### **Report of the Board of Public Works on the Relocation or Alteration of the Southeasterly Corner of Middlesex Avenue and Vine Street**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading, having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the public highways be laid out, relocated or altered as and in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to owners of land thereof, and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing, and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out, relocated or altered as public highways for the use of the Town, the Southeasterly corner of Middlesex Avenue and Vine Street.

We determine that no damages will be sustained by any person or persons in their property by reason of the taking to be made for this improvement.

No betterments are to be assessed for this improvement.

This laying out, relocation or alteration so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the Town, that said public highways shall therefore be laid out, relocated or altered in accordance with said plan.

HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR., Chairman  
C. J. DONAHUE, Secretary  
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.  
KENNETH R. JOHNSON  
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.

Members of the  
Board of Public Works  
Town of Reading

On motion of John R. Kay it was voted that the following vote under Article 38 passed at the adjourned Annual Town Meeting on April 9, 1956 be reconsidered:

"ARTICLE 38, on motion of Kenneth R. Johnson, it was voted that the sum of Seventy-nine thousand (79,000) dollars be raised from the tax levy and be appropriated for the construction of sewers, sewer works and other sewer facilities to be used in such locations as the Board of Public Works shall determine, said fund to be apportioned as follows:

Thirty-seven thousand (37,000) dollars for salaries;

Forty-two thousand (42,000) dollars for expenses; said sum to be expended by and under the direction of the Board of Public Works."

93 voted in the affirmative.

47 voted in the negative

Article 38. On motion of Kenneth R. Johnson it was voted that Article 38 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 49. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article XI of the General By-laws of the Town be and the same hereby is amended by inserting after Section 2 thereof the following new section known as Section 2A:

Section 2A: No person shall fire or discharge any firearms or explosives of any kind within the limits of any highway, park, or other public property, except with the written permission of the Board of Selectmen, nor on any private property except with the written consent of the owner or legal occupant thereof and the written permission of the Board of Selectmen; provided however, that this by-law shall not apply to the lawful defense of life or property, nor to any law enforcement officer acting in the discharge of his duties, nor to the use of such weapon at any military exercises or any established rifle range, nor to the rights and privileges of an owner or lessee of land as set forth in Chapter 131 of the General Laws.

Whoever violates the provision of this section shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$20.00 for each offense.

On motion of Robert G. Clinch it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.



ARTICLE 2. The following report was read by Robert G. Clinch.

### **Report of the Planning Board**

On January 24, 1956 at 8:00 o'clock P.M. your Planning Board held a Public Hearing in Room 19 of the Town Building. This was in legal response to a petition of fifteen citizens for inclusion in the Warrant of an Article for the rezoning from Residence A-1 to Business A of the following property;

Beginning at the center line of Main Street at a point where prolongation of the Southerly boundary property line of William D. Moore and Marguerita M. Moore crosses the center line of Main Street and being the terminating description of the now existing Business Zone A;

Thence Easterly by the present Business Zone 150 feet;

Thence turning and running Southerly by a line parallel to and 117 feet distance from the Easterly side line of Main Street to the center line of Summer Avenue and the present existing Business Zone;

Thence turning and running Westerly by the present existing Business Zone 300 feet;

Thence turning and running Northerly by a line parallel to and 117 feet distance from the Westerly side line of Main Street to the center line of Pinevale Avenue, and

Thence Easterly by the center line of Pinevale Avenue 150 feet to the center line of Main Street and,

Thence Northerly along the center line of Main Street to the point of beginning.

The Board feels that in accordance with basic planning theory this is a normal expansion of our Business A Zone. The property to the north as far as the railroad tracks and to the south of this area are now so zoned. The history of zoning in Reading shows that originally the area under discussion was also planned and created as Business A. It is generally held that the expansion of an existing zone is far better than the creation of new area. Business Zone A is designed with a 50' setback from the street and is presently restricted to areas on North and South Main Street as indicated on the Zoning Map. The Board feels that this is the correct location for Business A and there any expansion should take place.

We feel the advent of express Route 28 will tend to make business better for the merchant on Main Street in that people will feel safer traveling this road with a large proportion of the heavy transient traffic sifted away. This, in turn, should favor an increase in values and hence tax return to the Town. The luxury of being a purely residential community is an expensive one. We have seen our neighboring towns turn to industry and business to stem the increase in taxes to the individual. We believe that a coordinated growth is a healthy one and too much emphasis on either industrial or residential growth may well result in disaster.

The foregoing is, of course, the theoretical side of the picture as regards this proposed change. The Board feels it has two responsibilities. One is to see that the basic tenets of good planning and zoning are maintained. The second is to see that the wishes of the people of the Town, particularly those most affected by any change,



are respected. The case at hand is strongly opposed by the majority of the residents in the area. They feel that all areas now zoned for Business A should be exhausted before any increase be allowed. They have expressed the fear that any future business development would decrease the value of their homes and land. The character of the properties contained in the proposed change are, in their opinion, better suited for residential purposes and should be left as they are.

It is the Board's position that the rezoning of this area would be in the interest of good planning. It is for you, the Town Meeting, to decide whether the growth of Reading requires this increase in the Business A. Zone and if so, will this particular area suffer from the change.

(signed) ROBERT G. CLINCH

BENJAMIN M. HARTSHORN, JR.

W. FRANKLIN BURNHAM, JR.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the report be accepted and placed on file.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 2 on the table.

ARTICLE 50. Robert G. Clinch moved that the Zoning By-Law and the Zoning Map of the Town of Reading dated February 13, 1942, as amended, be and the same hereby are amended by changing the following described area now zoned as a part of Residence A-1 District to Business A district:

"Beginning at the center line of Main Street at a point where prolongation of the Southerly boundary property line of William D. Moore and Marguerita M. Moore crosses the center line of Main Street and being the terminating description of the new existing Business Zone A;

"Thence Easterly by the present Business Zone 150 feet;

"Thence turning and running Southerly by a line parallel to and 117 feet distance from the Easterly side line of Main Street to the center line of Summer Avenue and the present existing Business Zone;

"Thence turning and running Westerly by the present existing Business Zone 300 feet, more or less;

"Thence turning and running Northerly by a line parallel to and 117 feet distance from the Westerly side line of Main Street to the center line of Pinevale Avenue, and

"Thence Easterly by the center line of Pinevale Avenue 150 feet to the center line of Main Street, and

"Thence Northerly along the center line of Main Street to the point of beginning."

19 voted in the affirmative

107 voted in the negative

This motion was lost.

On motion of Robert G. Clinch it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.

ARTICLE 2. A report of the Planning Board was read by W. Franklin Burnham, Jr.

On February 27, 1956, your Planning Board held a public hearing in Room 19 of the Town Building at 8:00 P.M. in regard to a proposed change from Residence A-1 to Industry.

It is the opinion of the Board that this proposed change not be made inasmuch as the particular problem involved may be solved by other means.

The area involved is devoted to Commercial Greenhouses. It appears to the Board that the property will continue in that use for some time to come. Further extension in zoning at this time is not indicated.

ROBERT G. CLINCH  
BENJAMIN M. HARTSHORN, JR.  
W. FRANKLIN BURNHAM, JR.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 2 on the table.

ARTICLE 51. On motion of W. Franklin Burnham, Jr. it was voted that Article 51 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Robert G. Clinch it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.

ARTICLE 2. A report of the Planning Board was read by W. Franklin Burnham, Jr.

On February 27, 1956 your Planning Board held a Public Hearing in Room 19 of the Town Building. This hearing was in regard to the proposed change from Residence A-1 to Business B.

The Board feels that this is a normal increase of the Business B Zone. A definition of a Business Zone is described as follows:

"Within a Business B district all manufacturing and industrial enterprises except as they are clearly incidental to a retail business lawfully conducted on the premises are specifically prohibited. The end of Salem Street from Bay State Road to the Wakefield line is zoned Business B on both sides. We feel therefore that the property in question could be rezoned for Business and be in accord with good planning practices. It would not create a new independent zone but would extend an existing zone. A buffer zone on the northeasterly side of this property was created to avoid as much as possible any intrusion on occupied residential property. Similarly on the southerly and southwesterly side we feel that this new zone will not be detrimental to any residents.

At the Hearing there was considerable opposition by people living in the immediate vicinity and petitions were received by the Board with more than 100 signers. The principal objections were that a Business Zone would tend to devalue property, that the type of business that might be put in, i.e., a contractor's office would be undesirable, that any businesses would tend to increase the traffic hazard on Salem Street.

The Board feels that the Town should evaluate its available land and attempt to build up its business potential. For this reason we feel

that any increase in the Business B zone should be in the described area. We further feel that if it is so zoned and developed the Town will receive financial returns that will produce a profit to the Town.

ROBERT G. CLINCH

BENJAMIN M. HARTSHORN, JR.

W. FRANKLIN BURNHAM, JR.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the report be accepted and placed on file.

ARTICLE 52. As amended by vote under motion of Robert G. Clinch, W. Franklin Burnham, Jr. moved that the Zoning By-law and the Zoning Map of the Town of Reading dated February 13, 1942, as amended, be and the same hereby are amended by changing a part of Residence A-1 district to Business C District.

This motion was lost.

11 voted in the affirmative.

97 voted in the negative.

ARTICLE 53. On motion of Phillip G. Willcox it was voted that the subject matter of Article 53 be referred to the Municipal Light Board, and that said Board be, and it hereby is, authorized to install such additional street lights, as in its judgment are required, and to make such changes in the size, type, and location of existing street lights as, it may deem advisable, the expense of same to be paid from the income of the Plant.

ARTICLE 54. On motion of Phillip G. Willcox it was voted that the Municipal Light Board be authorized and empowered to extend and enlarge the Municipal Light Plant by constructing a substation in the Town of Lynnfield, installing the necessary power lines from the Ash Street Plant to such substation and installing such other appliances and equipment which may be necessary in connection therewith, and to acquire by purchase a lot of land in the Town of Lynnfield situated northerly of Main Street or at such other location as the Municipal Light Board may deem advisable for the construction of such substation, and by constructing an additional substation unit in the Town of Wilmington upon land owned by the Town and situated on the westerly side of Wildwood Street, Wilmington, and by constructing an additional substation unit in the Town of North Reading upon land owned by the Town and situated on Haverhill Street in North Reading, and installing such other appliances and equipment which may be necessary in connection therewith, and that there be raised and appropriated for the aforesaid purposes the sum of Six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) in addition to the amount which may be available in the Depreciation Fund to be expended by the Manager of the Municipal Light Department under the direction and control of the Municipal Light Board for the aforesaid purposes; and that the Treasurer of the Town be and he hereby is authorized and directed, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow said sum of Six hundred thousand dollars (\$600,000.00) and to issue therefor Bonds or Notes of the Town, such

Bonds or Notes to be payable in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44 of the General Laws, so that the whole loan shall be payable in not more than twenty (20) years from the date of the first Bond or Note or at such earlier time as the Treasurer and the Selectmen may determine; and said Bonds or Notes shall be signed by the Treasurer and countersigned by the Selectmen.

111 voted in the affirmative.

0 voted in the negative.

ARTICLE 55. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of One thousand (1,000) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the observance of the Christmas Season of 1956 by the decoration and illumination of public buildings and public streets and the decoration of Christmas trees upon municipal land.

ARTICLE 56. On motion of Lawrence A. Cate it was voted that Article 56 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 57. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Fifteen hundred (1500) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise, suitable headquarters for Reading Post 62 of the American Legion.

ARTICLE 58. On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop it was voted that the sum of Six hundred and sixty (660) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the purpose of providing by lease or otherwise, suitable headquarters for Reading Post 685 Veterans of Foreign Wars.

ARTICLE 59. On motion of Gilbert M. Lothrop it was voted that the sum of Six hundred (600) Dollars be raised and appropriated for Child Welfare Work to be expended under the direction of the Reading Visiting Nurse Association and the Board of Health.

ARTICLE 60. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of One hundred (100) Dollars be raised and appropriated under the provisions of Sections 40 and 45 of Chapter 128 of the General Laws, and that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized to appoint a Director to cooperate with the Middlesex County Trustees for the County Aid to Agriculture and work of the Middlesex County Extension Service and the 4-H Clubs.

ARTICLE 61. On motion of Edouard N. Dube it was voted that the sum of Two thousand (2,000) Dollars be appropriated from the Cemetery Reserve Fund receipts from the sale of lots and graves in Laurel Hill Cemetery and Forest Glen Cemetery for maintenance, care, improvement and embellishment of said Cemeteries under the provisions of Section 15 of Chapter 114 of the General Laws.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 4 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 4 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 3 from the table.

ARTICLE 3. Earl W. Hobart moved that all Boards and Committees elected and appointed by the Town of Reading, Massachusetts, be required to file their full reports with the Town Clerk two weeks before any annual town meeting.

This motion was not voted.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 3 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 2 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 2 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the meeting be adjourned, sine die, at 11:35 P.M.

149 Precinct Members were present.

A true copy. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

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### PRESIDENTIAL PRIMARY ELECTION

Security Hall

April 24, 1956

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's return thereon a Party Primary was held at the time and place specified, and was called to order by Boyd H. Stewart, Town Clerk, who then read the warrant and the Officer's return. The ballot boxes were duly examined by the Constable in charge and found to be empty and registered 000.

The polls were then declared open at 3:00 P. M. and were closed at 8:00 P. M. with the following result: 49 Democrat Votes and 439 Republican Votes for a total of 488, as follows:

#### Ten Delegates at Large to the Republican National Convention

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Total
Christian A. Herter .....	73	127	108	117	425
Leverett Saltonstall .....	73	128	107	116	424
Joseph W. Martin, Jr. ....	74	125	108	114	421
Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr. ....	74	126	106	114	420
Sinclair Weeks .....	70	125	107	113	415
Elmer C. Nelson .....	68	115	101	110	394
Ralph H. Bonnell .....	70	119	102	111	402
Esther W. Wheeler .....	70	116	103	110	399
Robert F. Bradford .....	72	125	108	115	420
Thomas Pappas .....	70	117	99	108	394
Blanks .....	46	87	81	62	276
Totals .....	760	1310	1130	1190	4390



### Ten Alternate Delegates at Large to the Republican National Convention

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Total
Basil Brewer .....	62	114	90	99	365
Bruce Crane .....	64	119	101	105	389
Katherine G. Howard .....	68	124	109	111	412
Charles J. Innes .....	62	117	98	105	382
Daniel J. Lynch .....	61	118	97	103	379
Maxwell M. Rabb .....	61	118	98	105	382
Richard F. Treadway .....	63	120	99	105	387
John A. Volpe .....	68	119	98	107	392
William W. White .....	63	118	94	103	378
Sumner G. Whittier .....	72	123	109	113	417
Blanks .....	116	120	137	134	507
Totals .....	760	1310	1130	1190	4390

### Two District Delegates to the Republican National Convention Eighth Congressional District

Charles Gibbons .....	73	125	109	111	418
Fred Lamson .....	68	119	102	109	398
Blanks .....	11	18	15	18	62
Totals .....	152	262	226	238	878

### Two Alternate District Delegates to the Republican National Convention Eighth Congressional District

Aurelia J. Grace .....	67	111	101	102	381
Lloyd B. Waring .....	67	118	102	105	392
Blanks .....	18	33	23	31	105
Totals .....	152	262	226	238	878

### Republican State Committee (Man) 7th Middlesex District

Alan G. Adams .....	67	118	97	104	386
Blanks .....	9	13	16	15	53
Totals .....	76	131	113	119	439

### Republican State Committee (Woman) 7th Middlesex District

Paula K. Lewellen .....	1	9	1	2	13
Blanks .....	75	122	112	117	426
Totals .....	76	131	113	119	439

### Republican Town Committee — Thirty-five Members

Louise B. Jenkins .....	70	118	100	106	394
G. Warren Cochrane, Jr. ....	66	112	95	104	377
Minetta R. Turner .....	67	107	95	102	371
Mildred P. Boyle .....	68	110	104	105	387
Marjorie L. Schoppelry .....	68	115	100	103	386
Marcia C. Foxcroft .....	65	116	104	104	389

Oliver G. Brown .....	66	109	97	104	376
Gilbert M. Lothrop .....	71	120	104	112	407
Newell H. Morton .....	72	120	104	111	407
C. Nelson Bishop .....	69	116	105	101	391
Henry A. Murphy, Jr. ....	69	104	93	104	370
Mary E. Earley .....	66	109	97	103	375
Lester W. Bowen .....	66	109	94	102	371
Ruth P. Poor .....	68	117	96	103	384
Marion B. Temple .....	70	112	99	103	384
Eleanor C. Bishop .....	69	110	105	107	391
Edward J. Taylor .....	67	106	98	105	376
Frank D. Tanner .....	71	121	101	109	402
Charles E. Wilkinson .....	71	115	104	113	403
Carl H. Amon, Jr. ....	66	111	100	102	379
William H. Dolben, Jr. ....	67	112	98	108	385
Robert S. Ralston .....	67	106	96	105	374
Mollie A. Sweetser .....	68	116	104	105	393
Helen M. Towle .....	66	108	95	103	372
James T. Putnam .....	68	112	99	107	386
Richard P. Shaw .....	65	109	96	101	371
Marion R. Symonds .....	70	112	102	107	391
Arthur L. Harris .....	71	113	99	110	393
James E. Calvin .....	70	117	99	112	398
Blanks .....	683	1323	1072	1094	4182

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Totals .....	2660	4585	3955	4165	15365
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#### **Presidential Preference — Republican**

Dwight D. Eisenhower .....	369
Blanks .....	70

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Totals .....	439
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#### **Twenty-four Delegates at Large to the Democratic National Convention**

John F. Kennedy .....	17	9	10	7	43
Paul A. Dever .....	18	7	9	6	40
John W. McCormack .....	18	11	9	8	46
John B. Hynes .....	16	8	9	8	41
William H. Burke, Jr. ....	15	8	8	6	37
Margaret M. O'Riordan ...	15	5	8	6	34
James M. Curley .....	16	6	9	6	37
Thomas J. Buckley .....	15	7	9	6	37
Edward J. Cronin .....	17	8	8	7	40
John E. Powers .....	17	7	7	5	36
Michael F. Skerry .....	15	8	7	8	38
Albert S. Previte, Jr. ....	14	5	8	6	33
John A. Callahan .....	15	7	8	5	35
J. William Belanger .....	14	6	7	5	32
Daniel Rudsten .....	14	5	7	5	31
Ira R. Lyons .....	14	6	7	5	32

Garrett H. Byrne .....	15	6	7	6	34
Daniel B. Brunton .....	14	5	7	5	31
James D. O'Brien .....	14	7	7	5	33
John F. Kane .....	15	6	7	5	33
Howard W. Fitzpatrick .....	17	7	8	8	40
John S. Begley .....	14	5	7	5	31
James J. Corbett .....	15	7	7	7	36
Jackson J. Holtz .....	14	5	7	6	32
Blanks .....	64	151	53	46	314
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Total .....	432	312	240	192	1176

#### **Twenty-four Alternate Delegates at Large to the Democratic Convention**

Joseph A. DeGuglielmo .....	15	6	7	7	35
J. Henry Goguen .....	15	6	7	5	33
Chester A. Dolan, Jr. ....	16	6	7	6	35
Michael LoPresti .....	16	6	7	6	35
Peter J. Rzeznikiewicz .....	15	4	7	5	31
Francis E. Lavigne .....	15	5	7	5	32
Salvatore Camileo .....	15	5	7	5	32
Leonard J. Warner .....	15	5	7	6	33
Silas F. Taylor .....	15	4	7	6	32
Mary A. Tomasello .....	15	6	7	6	34
Hugh J. McLaughlin .....	15	6	7	7	35
Doris M. Racicot .....	15	5	7	5	32
Anna Sullivan .....	16	7	7	6	36
Mary DePasquale Murray .....	15	5	7	5	32
Charles N. Collatos .....	15	5	7	6	33
Anthony M. Scibelli .....	15	4	7	5	31
Matthew L. McGrath, Jr. ....	15	5	7	7	34
Joseph Garczynski, Jr. ....	15	5	7	6	33
Edward Krock .....	15	5	7	5	32
James R. Carter .....	15	4	7	7	33
Thomas J. Hannon .....	14	5	7	6	32
Harry L. Silva .....	14	4	7	6	31
Jean S. LeCompte .....	14	4	7	5	30
John F. Cahill .....	15	7	7	6	35
Blanks .....	72	188	72	53	385
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Total .....	432	312	240	192	1176

#### **Four District Delegates to the Democratic National Convention Eighth Congressional District**

Torbert H. MacDonald .....	15	9	8	8	40
Phillip J. Crowley .....	14	8	6	6	34
William J. Donovan .....	13	7	6	6	32
Frederick T. McDermott .....	14	9	6	7	36
Blanks .....	16	19	14	5	54
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Total .....	72	52	40	32	196

**Two Alternate Delegates to the Democratic National Convention  
Eighth Congressional District**

John J. Bucchiere .....	12	7	6	7	32
William J. Lee .....	14	9	7	5	35
Blanks .....	10	10	7	4	31
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Total .....	36	26	20	16	98

**Democratic State Committee (Man) 7th Middlesex District**

Richard K. Donahue .....	10	6	5	7	28
Raymond F. Rourke .....	4	2	1	1	8
Blanks .....	4	5	4	—	13
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Total .....	18	13	10	8	49

**Democratic State Committee (Woman) 7th Middlesex District**

Helen Gilbride Droney .....	11	3	4	6	24
Margaret Nickles .....	3	4	2	2	11
Blanks .....	4	6	4	—	14
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Total .....	18	13	10	8	49

**Democratic Town Committee — Ten Members**

Walter C. Powers .....	14	8	7	6	35
Catherine B. Banfield .....	14	8	8	5	35
Doris R. White .....	14	8	7	5	34
Mary E. Doran .....	14	8	9	6	37
Thomas R. Browne .....	16	8	9	7	40
Joseph D. Cahill .....	15	8	7	7	37
John J. Quinlan, Jr. ....	16	8	9	7	40
Annie O'Malley .....	15	10	8	5	38
Louis Bacigalupo .....	16	8	9	6	39
Rose A. Gadbois .....	15	7	9	5	36
Blanks .....	31	49	18	21	119
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Total .....	180	130	100	80	490

**Presidential Preference — Democratic**

Estes Kefauver .....	4
John J. Kennedy .....	2
John W. McCormack .....	25
Adlai E. Stevenson .....	11
Blanks .....	7
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Total .....	49

A true copy. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

## STATE PRIMARY

Security Hall

September 18, 1956

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's return thereon a Party Primary was held at the time and place specified.

The meeting was called to order by Kenneth C. Latham. The warrant was partially read by Boyd H. Stewart, when on motion of Arthur L. Harris it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant. The Officer's return was then read by Boyd H. Stewart.

The polls were then declared open at 7 A. M., and were closed at 8 P. M. with the following result: 456 Democrat Votes and 2156 Republican Votes for a total of 2612, as follows:

### Ballot of the Republican Party

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Total
<b>Governor</b>					
Sumner G. Whittier, 103 Linden St. Everett ....	334	566	527	634	2061
Blanks .....	28	26	19	22	95
	362	592	546	656	2156
<b>Lieutenant Governor</b>					
Charles Gibbons, 53 Oak St., Stoneham .....	341	570	522	628	2061
Blanks .....	21	22	24	28	95
	362	592	546	656	2156
<b>Secretary</b>					
Richard I. Furbush, 436 Waverly Oaks Rd., Waltham .....	331	562	528	623	2044
Blanks .....	31	30	18	33	112
	362	592	546	656	2156
<b>Treasurer</b>					
Robert H. Beaudreau, Hosmer St., Malbrgh .....	331	562	523	619	2035
Blanks .....	31	30	23	37	121
	362	592	546	656	2156
<b>Auditor</b>					
Joseph A. Nobile, 914 Beacon St., Boston .....	328	559	525	614	2026
Blanks .....	34	33	21	42	130
	362	592	546	656	2156
<b>Attorney General</b>					
George Fingold, 37 Lowell Rd., Concord .....	332	570	523	622	2047
Blanks .....	30	22	23	34	109
	362	592	546	656	2156



**Congressman**

E. Eugene Farnam, 42 Wyman St., Medford ....	227	446	397	451	1521
Walter B. MacDonald, 50 E. Albion St., Smrvl	36	50	35	67	188
Vernon C. Newman, 217 Webster St., Malden	63	65	88	93	309
Blanks .....	36	31	26	45	138
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	362	592	546	656	2156

**Councillor**

Bertram S. Killam, 8 MacArthur St., Smrville	39	42	42	56	179
Lawrence W. Lloyd, 169 Laurel St., Melrose ....	260	458	433	485	1636
William A. Warren, 53 Cedar St., Somerville	25	42	30	49	146
Blanks .....	38	50	41	66	195
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	362	592	546	656	2156

**Senator**

Thomas W. Ackerson, 101 Green St., Wakefield	44	69	76	94	283
Lester W. Bowen, 1457 Main St., Reading .....	157	213	183	249	802
John C. Connelly, 199 Summer Ave., Reading	47	91	74	87	299
Charles E. Ferguson, 1364 Mass. Ave., Lxgton	73	169	164	151	557
William D. MacDonald, Jr., 66 Elm St., Wkfld	19	20	18	33	90
Blanks .....	22	30	31	42	125
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	362	592	546	656	2156

**Representatives in General Court**

Frank D. Tanner, 26 Mineral St., Reading .....	297	496	448	556	1797
Charles E. Wilkinson, 38 Deering St., Reading	302	472	458	539	1771
John P. Collins, 71 Middlesex Ave., Reading	76	134	112	124	446
Blanks .....	49	82	74	93	298
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	724	1184	1092	1312	4312

**County Commissioners**

William G. Andrew, 472 Cambridge St., Camb.	231	404	378	431	1444
H. Herbert Applin, 31 Barnard Ave., Wtertn	162	275	279	301	1017
George A. Ayotte, 51 Martin St., Lowell .....	40	54	55	66	215
Winston W. Bell, 799 Concord Ave., Camb. ....	39	46	39	68	192
Leo Blacher, 213 Main St., Malden .....	53	49	47	55	204
Thomas F. Geary, Jr., 4 Norfolk Rd., Wnchter	63	128	100	110	401
Frederick Lowe, 40 Walton St., Lowell .....	41	54	50	77	222
Blanks .....	95	174	144	204	617
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	724	1184	1092	1312	4312

**Sheriff**

John Frederick Cahill, 24 Little Pond Rd., Blmt	323	542	506	596	1967
Blanks .....	39	50	40	60	189
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	362	592	546	656	2156

**District Attorney**

Edward J. Bushell, 182 Hawthorne St., Malden	79	111	96	150	436
Thomas F. Maher, 273 Forest St., Reading ....	158	215	200	262	835
Ephraim Martin, 87 Richmond Rd., Belmont	106	237	229	212	784
Blanks .....	19	29	21	32	101
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	362	592	546	656	2156

**Ballot of the Democratic Party****Governor**

Foster Furcolo, 812 Longmeadow St., Lngmdw	96	88	47	84	315
Thomas H. Buckley, 198 Centre Ave., Abington	34	36	28	34	132
Blanks .....	2	2	2	3	9
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	132	126	77	121	456

**Lieutenant Governor**

Robert F. Murphy, 90 West Border Rd., Mldn	108	95	59	92	354
James A. Burke, 91 Rockdale St., Boston .....	12	12	9	8	41
George A. Wells, 59 Clark St., Worcester .....	7	12	9	14	42
Blanks .....	5	7	—	7	19
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	132	126	77	121	456

**Secretary**

Edward J. Cronin, 13 Pincrest Ave., Peabody	109	103	69	99	380
Rbt. E. Dinsmore, 113 Bunker Hill St., Boston	14	15	4	14	47
Blanks .....	9	8	4	8	29
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	132	126	77	121	456

**Treasurer**

Clement A. Riley, 132 Berwick Pl., Norwood ....	38	47	32	40	157
John F. Kennedy, 2222 Wash. St., Canton .....	57	43	31	47	178
John F. Buckley, 41 Chestnut St., Boston .....	16	11	6	13	46
Henry Joseph Hurley, 55 Dakota St., Boston ....	6	7	3	8	24
John M. Kennedy, 60 Radcliffe St., Boston ....	9	7	2	5	23
Blanks .....	6	11	3	8	28
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	132	126	77	121	456

**Auditor**

Thomas J. Buckley, 21 Pinckney St., Boston ....	119	112	69	111	411
Blanks .....	13	14	8	10	45
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	132	126	77	121	456

**Attorney General**

Joseph D. Ward, 29 Allston Pl., Fitchburg .....	53	51	33	55	192
Edw. J. McCormack, Jr., 1110 Morton St., Boston	75	69	42	59	245
Blanks .....	4	6	2	7	19
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	132	126	77	121	456

**Congressman**

Torbert H. Macdonald, 18 Stevens St., Mldn ....	116	114	71	109	410
Blanks .....	16	12	6	12	46
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	132	126	77	121	456

**Councillor**

John F. Buckley, 16 Cedar Cliff Terr., Medford	24	25	10	24	83
John J. Burke, 124 Plainfield Ave., Malden ....	39	25	24	18	106
John F. Casey, 6 Pleasant Ave., Somerville ....	6	9	6	15	36
Joseph R. Crimmins, 31 Laurel St., Somerville	23	30	13	21	87
Edward J. Sullivan, 15 Surrey St., Cambridge	25	13	16	25	79
Edward T. Sullivan, 4 Kassul Pk., Cambridge	4	6	2	7	19
Blanks .....	11	18	6	11	46
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	132	126	77	121	456

**Senator**

Joseph M. Curley, 18 Aborn Ave., Wakefield ....	99	96	63	96	354
Leonard J. Hebert, 506 E. Merrimack St., Lwl	8	4	1	3	16
David F. Toomey, 9 Spencer St., Lexington ....	19	19	9	18	65
Blanks .....	6	7	4	4	21
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	132	126	77	121	456

**Representatives in General Court**

Thomas F. Donahue, 75 Pine St., Woburn .....	94	75	60	86	315
Frederick V. Gilgun, 215 Main St., Woburn ....	61	60	44	63	228
William J. Scalley, 15 Grove St., Woburn .....	49	48	27	42	166
Blanks .....	60	69	23	51	203
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	264	252	154	242	912

**County Commissioners**

Edward M. App, 25 Poole St., Woburn .....	37	29	18	28	112
William P. Bennett, 22 Holyoke Rd., Somerville	1	3	4	7	15
C. Michael Bradley, 28 Lncln Pkwy, Somerville	3	10	2	6	21
Edward L. Buckley, 27 Pearson Rd., Somerville	25	15	13	21	74
John J. Burke, 46 Dickinson St., Somerville ....	11	3	2	8	24
John B. Carr, 91 Prentiss St., Somerville .....	18	13	11	19	61
John J. Carroll, 12 Montrose St., Everett .....	5	9	5	8	27
Joseph J. Corcoran, 186 Elm St., Cambridge	12	5	7	8	32
Joseph Perry Costa, 63 Gorman St., Lowell ....	7	9	1	3	20

Edward J. Coughlin, 90 Summer St., Smrvle	4	4	4	2	14
Edward J. Crane, 15 Fulkerson St., Cambridge	5	1	3	5	14
James A. Cullen, 82 Bacon St., Winchester ....	28	22	25	29	104
John J. Curran, 14 Irma Ave., Watertown .....	8	1	5	5	19
P. Joseph DiGiusto, 21 Flint St., Somerville ....	5	12	—	3	20
William F. Galgay, 35 Lee St., Cambridge ....	1	7	4	5	17
Warren M. Griffin, 242 Waban Ave., Newton	2	5	1	0	8
James E. Hagan, 351 Wash. St., Somerville	10	8	11	12	41
Henry E. Keenan, 27 Hodge Rd., Arlington ....	3	6	5	4	18
Francis R. King, 37 Blossom St., Lowell .....	3	1	2	3	9
Francis G. Lyons, 56 Spring St., Cambridge ....	8	11	1	5	25
Patrick J. McGlinchey, 509 Westford St., Lwl	16	6	5	4	31
William J. Moran, 35 Curtis Ave., Somerville	3	7	5	5	20
William P. Murray, 130 Gardner St., Arlington	4	11	1	11	27
Gerald J. Wayne, 46 Corbett St., Lowell .....	4	4	2	11	21
Blanks .....	41	50	17	30	138
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	264	252	154	242	912

#### **Sheriff**

Howard W. Fitzpatrick, 100 Maple St., Malden	98	82	60	103	343
Blanks .....	34	44	17	18	113
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	132	126	77	121	456

#### **District Attorney**

Vincent A. Burns, 118 Pleasant St., Arlington	10	5	3	4	22
John C. Carr, Jr., 30 Burnside St., Medford ....	17	7	8	16	48
Joseph V. Carroll, 31 Alpine St., Somerville ....	5	5	9	7	26
Thomas F. Casey, 23 Belrose Ave., Lowell ....	5	3	4	4	16
Edw. A. Counihan, III, 26 Elmwd Ave., Camb.	9	18	5	6	38
John F. Cremens, 80 Grozier Rd., Cambridge	9	6	4	9	28
James L. O'Dea, Jr., 60 Winthrop Ave., Lowell	11	9	8	15	43
Irving L. Stackpole, 21 Col. Hill Rd., Smrvle	5	8	1	13	27
John J. Tobin, 1094 Cambridge St., Cambridge	6	5	2	6	19
Andrew T. Trodden, 224 Lkvw Ave., Camb.	15	11	13	15	54
John F. Zamperelli, 102 Princeton St., Medford	36	38	19	18	111
Blanks .....	4	11	1	8	24
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	132	126	77	121	456

The votes were declared in open Town Meeting, sealed in ballot envelopes and transmitted to the Constable to be placed in the Town building vault for safe keeping.

Voted to adjourn, sine die, 10:15 P. M. September 18, 1956.

Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

## STATE ELECTION

Pursuant to the warrant and the Constable's return thereon a State Election was held at the time and place specified in the warrant.

The meeting was called to order by Kenneth C. Latham.

The warrant was partially read by Boyd H. Stewart, when on motion of Arthur L. Harris it was voted to dispense with the further reading of the warrant except the Constable's return which was then read by Boyd H. Stewart.

The ballot boxes were examined by the Constable in charge and each found to be empty, and all registered 000.

The polls were declared open by Kenneth C. Latham.

The polls were opened at 7:00 A. M. and closed at 8:00 P. M. with the following result:

Whole number of votes cast 8800.

	Pr. 1	Pr. 2	Pr. 3	Pr. 4	Total
<b>Electors of President and Vice President</b>					
Eisenhower and Nixon, Republican .....	1409	1959	1515	2156	7039
Hass and Cozzini, Socialist Labor .....	1	2		8	11
Holtwick and Cooper, Prohibition .....	3	1		1	5
Stevenson and Kefauver, Democratic ....	511	421	293	442	1667
Blanks .....	25	23	16	14	78
Totals .....	1949	2406	1824	2621	8800
<b>Governor</b>					
Foster Furcolo, Longmeadow (Dem.) ....	714	591	407	655	2367
Sumner G. Whittier, Everett (Rep.) .....	1218	1789	1402	1946	6355
Henning A. Blomer, Smrvle (Soc. Labor)		1		1	2
Mark R. Shaw, Melrose (Proh.) .....	4	1		1	6
Blanks .....	13	24	14	19	70
Totals .....	1949	2406	1824	2621	8800
<b>Lieutenant Governor</b>					
Charles Gibbons, Stoneham (Rep.) .....	1259	1849	1409	2041	6557
Robert F. Murphy, Malden (Dem.) .....	664	506	398	541	2109
Harold E. Bassett, Clinton (Proh.) .....	8	2	2	4	16
Francis A. Votano, Lynn (Soc. Labor) ....	1	1		5	7
Blanks .....	18	48	15	30	111
Totals .....	1949	2406	1824	2621	8800



**Secretary**

Edward J. Cronin, Peabody (Dem.) .....	732	577	432	644	2385
Richard I. Furbush, Waltham (Rep.) .....	1167	1766	1372	1922	6227
Earl F. Dodge, Boston (Proh.) .....	7	3	4	8	22
Lawrence Gilfedder, Boston (Soc. Labor) .....	2	1	1	4	8
Blanks .....	41	59	15	43	185
Totals ..	1949	2406	1824	2621	8800

**Treasurer**

John F. Kennedy, Canton (Dem.) .....	747	565	395	622	2329
Robert H. Beaudreau, Marlborough (Rep.) .....	1152	1793	1400	1939	6274
Isaac Goddard, Newton (Proh.) .....	9	4	5	9	27
Willy N. Hogseth, Saugus (Soc. Labor) ....	2		2	6	10
Blanks .....	39	54	22	45	160
Totals ..	1949	2406	1824	2621	8800

**Auditor**

Thomas J. Buckley, Boston (Dem.) .....	821	722	494	767	2804
Joseph A. Nobile, Boston (Rep.) .....	1068	1614	1305	1798	5785
John B. Lauder, Revere (Proh.) .....	6	2		6	14
Anthony Martin, Boston (Soc. Labor) .....	5	7	—	3	15
Blanks .....	49	61	25	47	182
Totals ..	1949	2406	1824	2621	8800

**Attorney General**

George Fingold, Concord (Rep.) .....	1204	1818	1371	1972	6365
Edward J. McCormack, Jr., Boston (Dem.) .....	707	548	432	602	2289
Fred M. Ingersoll, Lynn (Soc. Labor) ....	4		3	7	14
Howard B. Rand, Haverhill (Proh.) .....	7	4	2	3	16
Blanks .....	27	36	16	37	116
Totals ..	1949	2406	1824	2621	8800

**Congressman — Eighth District**

Torbert H. Macdonald, Malden (Dem.) ....	829	724	496	779	2828
C. Eugene Farnam, Medford (Rep.) .....	1081	1637	1309	1806	5833
Blanks .....	39	45	19	36	139
Totals ..	1949	2406	1824	2621	8800

**Councillor — Sixth District**

Joseph Ray Crimmins, Somerville (Dem.) .....	660	476	358	528	2022
Lawrence W. Lloyd, Melrose (Rep.) .....	1213	1838	1421	2008	6480
Blanks .....	76	92	45	85	298
Totals ..	1949	2406	1824	2621	8800

**Senator — Seventh Middlesex District**

Joseph M. Curley, Wakefield (Dem.) ....	772	616	437	693	2518
Charles E. Ferguson, Lexington (Rep.) ....	1142	1730	1358	1890	6120
Blanks .....	35	60	29	38	162
Totals .....	1949	2406	1824	2621	8800

**Rep. in General Court — Eighteenth Middlesex District**

Frank D. Tanner, Reading (Rep.) .....	1435	1975	1531	2134	7075
Charles E. Wilkinson, Reading (Rep.) ....	1320	1888	1465	2091	6764
Frederick V. Gilgun, Woburn (Dem.) .....	487	389	278	429	1583
William J. Scalley, Woburn (Dem.) .....	350	293	190	329	1162
Blanks .....	306	267	184	259	1016
Totals .....	3898	4812	3648	5242	17600

**County Commissioners — Middlesex County**

William G. Andrew, Cambridge (Rep.) ....	1217	1803	1410	1976	6406
H. Herbert Aplin, Watertown (Rep.) ....	1134	1740	1373	1917	6164
Edward L. Buckley, Somerville (Dem.) ....	665	505	362	568	2100
Patrick Jos. McGlinchey, Lowell (Dem.) ..	546	437	303	469	1755
Blanks .....	336	327	200	312	1175
Totals .....	3898	4812	3648	5242	17600

**Sheriff — Middlesex County**

Howard W. Fitzpatrick, Malden (Dem.) ..	816	687	478	748	2729
John Frederick Cahill, Belmont (Rep.) ....	1078	1646	1303	1800	5827
Blanks .....	55	73	43	73	244
Totals .....	1949	2406	1824	2621	8800

**District Attorney — Northern District (To fill vacancy)**

Ephraim Martin, Belmont (Rep.) .....	1180	1770	1383	1920	6253
James L. O'Dea, Jr., Lowell (Dem.) .....	712	566	406	646	2330
Blanks .....	57	70	35	55	217
Totals .....	1949	2406	1824	2621	8800

**Question No. 1****A....All Alcoholic Beveragse**

Yes .....	409	435	249	404	1487
No .....	1307	1694	1421	1956	6378
Blanks .....	233	277	154	261	925
Totals .....	1949	2406	1824	2621	8800

**B. Wine and Malt Beverages**

Yes .....	405	420	244	391	1460
No .....	1287	1667	1402	1930	6286
Blanks .....	257	319	178	300	1054
Totals .....	1949	2406	1824	2621	8800

### C. Package Goods

Yes .....	926	1045	685	997	3653
No .....	915	1235	1049	1519	4718
Blanks .....	108	126	90	105	429
Totals .....	1949	2406	1824	2621	8800

The votes were declared in open Town Meeting ,sealed in ballot envelopes and transmitted to the Constable to be placed in the vault for sake keeping.

Voted to adjourn, sine die, 11:00 P. M. November 6 1956.

Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

Wednesday, November 7, 1956

Attested copies of the election results were this day transmitted to the Secretary of the Commonwealth and to the County Commissioners at East Cambridge.

Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

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### SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Senior High School Auditorium

November 19, 1956

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, Charles P. Howard at 8 P. M.

The warrant was partially read by the Town Clerk when, on motion of Kenneth C. Latham, it was voted to dispense with further reading of the warrant except the Constable's Return which was then read by the Town Clerk.

ARTICLE 1. The following report was read by Frederick S. Oliver

#### Interim Report to Special Town Meeting

Since the formation of the Sewer Study Committee in May we have met many times to study the matter of extending the town's sewer system, as directed by the vote of the last General Town Meeting.

We have met with the Superintendent of the Board of Public Works and the Chairman of the Planning Board to discuss the aspects of the problem with which they are particularly familiar. By correspondence and telephone we have had discussions with the School Committee and with the Town Counsel. We have visited various locations where the problem is most acute.

The Committee has also worked in sub-groups on both the engineering and financial aspects of extending the sewer system. We have attempted to familiarize ourselves with the laws relating to public sewers and also have reviewed studies prepared in other Massachusetts communities on the matter of sewer installation.

In connection with the engineering aspects of the matter the Committee made a study of a small trial area to determine precisely how the sewer system could best be extended in that particular section and what the appropriate cost would be. The area studied was one of the unsewered areas in our town for which the Department of Public Works was able to furnish the detailed information we require to make such a study.

Thus it became apparent that the plan prepared by Barbour in 1916, though still an excellent basis for planning the extension of the system in the so-called "gravity area" must be supplemented by a preliminary study of the said gravity area as presently constituted before the best program for completing the gravity system can be evolved. For that reason it is the recommendation of your Committee that the sum of \$3,000 be voted at this time for consulting engineering services in making such a study.

In addition to studying the gravity system area your committee also has under consideration the eventual sewerage of areas which cannot be served under the above-mentioned gravity plan.

At the next annual town meeting we hope to present competent recommendations for the guidance of the Board of Public Works in extending Reading's sewer system. Since it is now evident that our final report and recommendation cannot be made earlier than the annual town meeting in March, the Board of Public Works should, of course, include sewer extension appropriations in the 1957 budget.

(Signed) Frederick S. Oliver  
Sewer Study Committee Chm.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the report be accepted as a report of progress and placed on file.

ARTICLE 1. The following report was read by Robert G. Clinch

#### **Report of the Planning Board of the Town of Reading**

On Monday, September 24, 1956, your planning board held a public hearing on the following proposed amendment to the zoning by-law as advertised in The Reading Chronicle of September 13, 1956:

Adding after paragraph 1 of Section III "General Regulations" the following new paragraph 1a:

1a. Any building constructed or formerly used for public or municipal purposes which is owned or controlled by the Town of Reading shall be excluded from the provisions of these Zoning By-Laws.

No persons appeared in opposition to the proposal. The Selectmen spoke in favor of the amendment.

The Planning Board finds that the sale of Public Buildings is subject to the consent of the Town Meeting. Of course when sold a building is no longer exempt under this amendment. The Rental of Public Buildings is within the jurisdiction of the Board of Selectmen but any letting or leasing shall not be for a period in excess of five years.

The Planning Board is reviewing the problem presented by the High School at the present time and possibly in the future by other

Town Buildings such as the Prospect Street School, the Lowell Street School and others is one that must be met immediately. In the zoning by-laws no provision is made for this class of buildings other than the restrictions of the Zone in which they are located. It would seem in the best interests of the Town to remove them from these restrictions. For example it seems difficult to imagine the Old High School available only for residential use.

For these reasons the Planning Board unanimously recommends the adoption of this amendment.

(S) W. FRANKLIN BURNHAM, JR.

ROBERT G. CLINCH

EDWARD W. BATTEN

BENJ. M. HARTSHORN

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that report be accepted and placed on file.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 1 on the table.

ARTICLE 2. On motion of Lawrence Drew it was voted that the sum of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from Fire Department Callmen Salary Account to Fire Alarm Maintenance Salary Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

ARTICLE 3. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized for and in behalf of the Town to enter into a contract with the Boston and Maine Railroad under which the Town shall pay to the Boston and Maine Railroad the amount of Four Thousand (\$4,000) Dollars as a portion of the cost of installing automatic flashing light signals at the Reading Railroad Station crosswalk of the Boston and Maine Railroad and with the further provision that the said Boston and Maine Railroad shall agree to maintain in good working order the said automatic flashing light signals and that the sum of Four Thousand (\$4,000) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and appropriated to carry out the purpose of this vote and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum for said purpose.

ARTICLE 4. On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the sum of Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and be appropriated for the construction of a new Fire House Station building on the northerly side of Woburn Street upon land now owned by the Town and for originally equipping and furnishing the said building (with the exception of engines), which appropriation is to be added to the previous appropriation of One Hundred Twenty-five Thousand (\$125,000) Dollars voted under Article 9 at the Annual Town Meeting held April 2, 1956, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.



ARTICLE 5. On motion of Robert G. Clinch it was voted that the Zoning By-laws and Zoning Map be and the same hereby are amended by adding after Paragraph 1 of Section III thereof the following new paragraph:

1a. Any building constructed or formerly used for public or municipal purposes which is owned or controlled by the Town of Reading shall be excluded from the provisions of these Zoning By-laws.

Vote

Affirmative 132

Negative 0

ARTICLE 6. On motion of William J. Tonks it was voted that Schedule A Job Classifications under Article VIII-A of the By-laws relating to the Wage and Hour Classification plan be and the same hereby is amended in the following manner:

Delete from Municipal Light Department the following Classification:

#### **Mechanic**

Capable of doing all work on cars and trucks, including painting and welding, also does welding for station.

Add to the Municipal Light Department the following new classification:

#### **Automotive and Utility Repair Man**

Capable of doing all work on cars, trucks and portable equipment, including painting, welding, repairing and adjusting, also installing, repairing and maintaining electric utility structures; i.e. station, substations underground and overhead.

Amend Section 5, Municipal Light Department, by establishing the hourly and weekly minimum and maximum rates for the new job classification of Automotive and Utility Repair Man as follows:

#### **Classification**

#### **Section 5. Municipal Light Department**

	Hourly		Weekly	
	Min.	Max.	Min.	Max.
Automotive and Utility Repair Man .....	\$1.95	\$2.30	\$78.00	\$92.00

Amend Section 5, Municipal Light Department, by establishing new hourly and weekly maximum rates for Patrolman, 1st Class as follows:

#### **Classification**

#### **Section 5. Municipal Light Department**

	Hourly Max.	Weekly Max.
Patrolman, 1st class .....	\$2.10	\$84.00

ARTICLE 7. Lawrence A. Cate moved that the motion under Article 7 be amended by adding to it the following: that a written report be made to the town on or before January 1, 1957 giving the committee's recommendation for specific amount to be appropriated for Sewer Construction in 1957.

This motion was not passed.

ARTICLE 7. On motion of Frederick S. Oliver it was voted that the Sewer Study Committee established by vote of the Annual Town Meeting on April 2, 1956 is herewith instructed to continue with its study and consideration of a plan and program for the installation and construction of sewers in the Town, and is herewith authorized to employ an engineer or an engineering firm to make studies, surveys, and plans for the extension of the sewerage system in the Town, and that the time within which the said Committee shall submit a written report to the Town be and the same hereby is extended to the Annual Town Meeting to be held in March 1957, and that the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and be appropriated for expenses incurred by the said Committee as authorized by this vote and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer the said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 8. On motion of Paul R. Bergholtz it was voted that the School and Recreation Site Committee established by vote of the Annual Town Meeting on April 4, 1955 is herewith instructed to continue with its comprehensive study and investigation of suitable sites in the Town for schools and for recreational areas, and that the sum of Eight Hundred (\$800) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and be appropriated for expenses incurred by said Committee in connection with their work as authorized by this vote, and that the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

ARTICLE 9. On motion of Irving C. Austin it was voted that Article 9 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 10. On motion of Neil C. Robinson it was voted that the sum of One Hundred (\$100) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from Public Library Maintenance Account to Public Library Salary Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

ARTICLE 11. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that the sum of One Thousand Five Hundred (\$1,500) Dollars be appropriated by transferring said sum from School Maintenance Account to School Transportation Account and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

ARTICLE 12. On motion of Philip R. White it was voted that the Town authorize the School Committee to establish and maintain State-aided vocational education in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 74 of the General Laws and Acts amendatory thereto, or dependent thereon.

On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr. it was voted to take up Article 23.

ARTICLE 23. On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr. it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the laying out of a private way known as Jacob Way and adopt the recommendations contained therein; and that the Board of Public Works be and they hereby are authorized for and on behalf of the Town to acquire by purchase, or by right of eminent domain, for the purpose of a public Town way the following described parcel of land and that the gift of Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, Inc. in the amount of Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars for the construction of Jacob Way be and the same hereby is accepted, and the Town Treasurer be and he hereby is authorized to execute for and on behalf of the Town a receipt and other documents which may be necessary for the acceptance of such gift; and that the sum of Thirty-seven Thousand Eighty-five (\$37,085) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and that said sum together with the Ten Thousand (\$10,000) Dollars gift from the Addison-Wesley Publishing Company, Inc., making a total of Forty-seven Thousand Eighty-five (\$47,085) Dollars be appropriated for the acquisition of such land and for the construction of Jacob Way, from South Street near Main Street. in Southerly and Westerly directions a distance of 1116.14 feet, the same being an access road to the Business C zoned area located Southerly of South Street including the cost of bituminous macadam or other permanent pavement of similar lasting character and for the sidewalk to be laid at the time of said construction, said amount to be approp- as follows:

Fourteen Thousand Nine Hundred (\$14,900) Dollars for Salaries for construction of Jacob Way and Thirty-two Thousand One Hundred Eighty-five (\$32,185) Dollars for Expenses for Construction of Jacob Way, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

In addition to all other authority given to the Board of Public Works by this vote, and without limitation of the foregoing, the Board of Public Works are hereby authorized to enter into all contracts and agreements for the purpose of acquiring to the aforesaid land and for the construction and installation of the road and to do all other acts and things necessary or proper for carrying out the provisions of this vote.

Vote

Affirmative      141

Negative          0

#### **COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

Middlesex, ss.

Town of Reading

#### **Report of the Board of Public Works on the Laying Out of Jacob Way**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require the laying out of a town way, substantially in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to

notice to the owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon, and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out as a town way for the use of the town running Southwesterly from a town way now known as South Street, substantially as and in the location of the private way known as Jacob Way.

This laying out so made by us we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that said way shall thereafter be known as a public town way and named JACOB WAY, and that the sum of Forty-seven Thousand Eighty-five (\$47,085.00) Dollars be raised and appropriated for the construction of said way.

KENNETH R. JOHNSON, Chairman  
COLEMAN J. DONAHUE, Secretary  
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.  
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.  
HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR.

Members of the  
Board of Public Works  
Town of Reading

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

ARTICLE 1. A report on the problem of school and recreation sites (Report II) was read by Woodbury C. Titcomb.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that the report be accepted and placed on file.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to place Article 1 on the table.

ARTICLE 13. On motion of Paul R. Bergholtz it was voted that the Board of Selectmen be and they hereby are authorized for and on behalf of the Town to acquire by purchase, right of eminent domain or otherwise, for school purposes the following described parcel of land:

Being a parcel of land situated westerly of Haverhill Street and Easterly of Charles Street, containing 7.28 acres of land, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the Westerly side line of said Haverhill Street at a Stone Bound marking the Southerly terminus of a curved line in said Westerly side line of Haverhill Street having a radius of 808.52 feet and a total length of arc of 259.65 feet;

Thence S. 04°-33'-00" W., along said Westerly side line of Haverhill Street, a distance of 394.85 feet to a stake and nail;

Thence turning and running N. 85°-54' W., through lands of Stephen S. Zagorsky and Eva O. Zagorsky, a distance of 470.09 feet to a stake and nail;

Thence turning and running N. 84°-57' W., by lands of Alfred T. Drinkwater et al, a distance of 272.82 feet to a drill hole at an angle point;

Thence turning and running N. 79°-49'-40" W., by lands of Frederick King, Jr. and Leona S. King, a distance of 112.28 feet to a point on the Easterly side line of said Charles Street;

Thence turning and running N. 40°-36' E., along said Easterly side line of Charles Street, a distance of 553.61 feet to a point;

Thence turning and running S. 85°-29'-55" E., by lands of Woodlawn Construction Co. and by lands of Charles F. Treseler et al, a distance of 526.59 feet to a point on said Westerly side line of Haverhill St.;

Thence turning and running in a Southerly direction, by a curved line in said Westerly side line of Haverhill Street, having a radius of 808.52 feet and a total length of arc of 259.65 feet, a length of 62.98 feet to the stone bound at the point of beginning of this description.

Said lines being more fully shown and described on a Plan entitled "Plan of Land in Reading, Mass., owned by Stephen S. Zagorsky and Eva O. Zagorsky" dated November 13, 1956, Frederick R. Bean, Surveyor, Lynnfield Center, Mass., said Plan being intended to be a part of this description and to be recorded herewith.

And that Twenty-five Thousand (25,000) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and be appropriated for the acquisition of such land, and the Town Accountant be and he hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to carry out the purpose of this vote.

In addition to all other authority given to the Board of Selectmen by this vote, and without limitation of the foregoing, the Board of Selectmen are hereby authorized to enter into all contracts and agreements for the purpose of acquiring title to the aforesaid land.

Vote

Affirmative .... 137

Negative ..... 0

ARTICLE 14. Ralph T. Horn moved that the question "Shall sodium fluoride be added to the Reading Water Supply" be placed on the Annual Town Meeting ballot.

Vote

Affirmative .... 30

Negative ..... 100

This motion was not passed.

ARTICLE 15. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the Town accept the report of the Board of Public Works on the relocation or alteration of a portion of the Westerly side line of Pearl Street near Putnam (private) Road and adopt the recommendations contained therein.



COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Middlesex, ss.

Town of Reading

**Report of the Board of Public Works on the Relocation or Alteration  
of a Portion of Pearl Street**

The Board of Public Works of the Town of Reading having determined and adjudged that common convenience and necessity require that the Public Highway be laid out, relocated or altered, as and in the location hereinafter described, having complied with all requirements of law relating to notice to owners of land thereof and of a hearing thereon and having met at the time and place appointed for such hearing, and then and there heard all persons present who desired to be heard, have laid out, relocated or altered as a Public Highway for the use of the town a portion of the westerly side line of Pearl Street.

No betterments are to be assessed for this improvement. This laying out, relocation or alteration so made by us, we hereby report to the Town for acceptance and recommend that when this report is accepted and adopted by the Town that said Public Highway shall thereafter be laid out, relocated or altered in accordance with said plan.

KENNETH R. JOHNSON, Chairman

COLEMAN J. DONAHUE, Secretary

WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.

DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.

HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR.

Members of the  
Board of Public Works  
Town of Reading

ARTICLE 16. On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Fourteen Thousand Two Hundred (\$14,200.) Dollars be appropriated by transferring \$5,800.00 from the Account for Salaries for Constuction of Water Works and \$8,400.00 from Water Available Surplus to the Account for Expenses for Construction of Water Works and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

ARTICLE 17. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Eleven Thousand Six Hundred (\$11,600.) Dollars be appropriated from Water Available Surplus and transferred to the Account for Expenses, for Maintenance and Operation of Water Works and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

ARTICLE 18. On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Five Hundred Eighty (\$580.00) Dollars be appropriated from the Maintenance of Storm Drains Salary Account and transferred to the Maintenance of Storm Drains Expense Account and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

ARTICLE 19. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Three Thousand (\$3,000.00) Dollars be appropriated from the Park Department and Commons and Supervised Play Salary Account and transferred to the Park Department and Commons and Supervised Play Expense Account and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

ARTICLE 20. On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Three Hundred Fifty (\$350.00) Dollars be appropriated from the Maintenance of Storm Drains Salary Account and transferred to the Road Machinery Operating Account and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

ARTICLE 21. On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Eight Thousand Four Hundred Fifty (\$8,450.00) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and be appropriated for the Snow and Ice Account, to be apportioned as follows: Snow and Ice Salary Account, \$3,750.00; Snow and Ice Expenses Account, \$4,700.00; and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

ARTICLE 22. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that the sum of Two Thousand Five Hundred Fifty-Two (\$2,552.00) Dollars be transferred from Surplus Revenue and be appropriated for the installation of a culvert and construction of a gravel roadway from John Carver Road to Area No. 2 shown on Plan of Birch Meadow and vicinity in Report of Birch Meadow Study Committee, to be apportioned as follows:

\$1,819.00 for Expenses and \$733.00 for salaries, and the Town Accountant be and hereby is authorized and instructed to transfer said sum to said account.

ARTICLE 24. On motion of Walter S. Hopkins, Jr. it was voted that Article 24 be indefinitely postponed.

ARTICLE 25. On motion of Harold D. Kilgore, Jr. it was voted that Article 25 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to take Article 1 from the table.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted that Article 1 be indefinitely postponed.

On motion of Kenneth C. Latham it was voted to adjourn, sine die.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 P.M.

143 Precinct Members present.

A true copy. Attest:

BOYD H. STEWART, Town Clerk

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1956

Date	Name	Parents
January		
1	Lauren Jean Marchand	Robert E. and Louise
3	Kim Susan Harvey	Albert S. and Catherine L.
5	Mary Jane Doucette	Joseph R. and Mary D.
7	John Warren Power, Jr.	John W. and Marie E.
8	Paula Marion Welin	Frank B. and Evelyn B.
9	Robert Hazard Freeze	John B., Jr. and Nancy L.
11	Lynda Alberta Wilson	Charles J. E. and Louise
13	Brian Andrew Thornton	William J. and Betty J.
13	Robert Mark Wood	Robert A. and Elaine F.
14	Margaret Jean Rankin	James T. and Charlotte
15	Kathleen Dorothy McAuley	James E. and Patricia A.
15	Maureen Patricia Redmond	Robert L. and Sara A.
15	Mark Walter Wisentaner	Walter C. and Theodora L.
17	Todd Alexander Holbrook	Harry T. and Charlotte
17	Pamela Gale Cunningham	Anthony W. and Marion
18	George Everett Ross, Jr.	George E. and Barbara P.
19	Joyce Dianne Allen	William R. and Janet D.
20	Kevin Flateau	Frank J., Jr. and Eleanor R.
20	Josephine Rose Levasseur	Robert G. and Marion L.
21	Paula Jane Battaglioli	Joseph J. and Virginia M.
21	Alan Frederick Whitney	Henry A. and Ruth E.
25	William Thomas Moore	John M. and Betty A.
25	Kimberly Anne Roberts	Kenneth P. and Norma J.
25	Baby Boissonneau	Roger L. and Ada L.
25	Kenneth Paul Leland, Jr.	Kenneth P. and Nancy
27	Bradford Martin Blaisdell	Grover C. and Anna I.
30	Daniel Waymon Brown	William C. and Barbara F.
31	James Paul Morris	James P. and Dorothy J.
February		
3	Philip Wayne Parker	Lawrence H., Jr. and Eleanor M.
3	Susan Garland Smith	Norton L. and Elizabeth T.
4	James Jay Jasmin	John J. and Bernice L.
4	Patricia Serrentino	Vincent and Charlotte F.
4	Robin Lurena Bowker	Frederick M. and Natalie M.
4	Andrew Laskey	Ronan J. and Catherine J.
6	Cheryl Ann Ballou	Robert L. and Phyllis M.
6	Brian Kenneth Hancock	Kenneth R., Jr. and Natalie J.
8	Paul Barry Clemens	John C. and Dorothy E.
8	Martha Wedgwood Watson	Richard D. and Margaret L.
11	Jane King Winkler	Edward D. and Barbara E.
11	David Joseph Santos, Jr.	David J. and Patricia A.
13	Mary Winifred Robinson	William F. and Barbara J.
15	Kenneth Daly Chisholm	Albert J. and M. Grace

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1956

Date	Name	Parents
February		
17	Kathryn Evamae Stiles	Gerald W. and Betty J.
18	David John DeVito	Andrew R. and Louise R.
18	Philip Michael Mollica	Robert L. and Mary C.
19	Gerald Ross Berberian	Albert G. and Dorothy T.
20	David Ernest Corindia	Attilio E. and Dorothy E.
20	Janice Marie Gray	Richard and Phyllis A.
22	Paul Joseph Howell	John E. and Edith A.
22	Peter John Castillo	Eliot S. and Irene G.
23	Nancy Ann Hulett	John J. and Nancy Norden
23	John William Hildreth	Thomas J. and Dorothy J.
24	David Richard Edwards	Robert E. and Mildred L.
24	James Manchester Laschi	Basil and Shirley A.
27	Patricia Elizabeth Gilmartin	John M. and Barbara R.
27	Susan Elaine Ruderman	Joseph and Betty L.
29	Andrew Harold Kaulbach	George H. and Agnes
29	Mark John Elwell	Richard A. and Mary A.
29	Rosemary Ellen Hodson	Robert D. and Eleanor A.
March		
1	Bruce Douglas Prescott	Douglas F. and Grace A.
1	Kenneth Walter Haberman	Augustus M. and Ruth L.
1	Jeffrey Scott Hallstrom	James R. and Helen E.
2	Deborah Ann Twomey	James A. and Jacqueline
3	Mary Linda Good	Paul A. and Mary A.
3	William Charles Post, Jr.	William C. and Joan F.
3	Brian Arthur Keenan	James P. and Audrey E.
4	Sharon Marie Sprague	George W., Jr. and Jean M.
4	Susan Jeanne Tarpin	Tateos E. and Alice J.
5	Ronald Thomas Florence, Jr.	Ronald T., Sr. and Barbara A.
7	Emily Perkins	Walter S. and Nancy J.
8	Matthew Coleman Lincoln	Bayard R. and Charlotte M.
10	William Henry Diamond, Jr.	William H. and Marie L.
13	Debra Irene Ellis	Walter H. and Gertrude E.
15	Cynthia Marie Harm	Ardell L. and Georgia D.
16	Barry John King	John D. and Shirley C.
17	Dale Marshall	William H. and Joan-Anne
17	Kim Marshall	William H. and Joan-Anne
19	Gail Marie Bourque	William H. and Helen T.
20	Carl Stephen Geder	Carl H. and Elvira M.
21	David John Mitchell	Donald C. and Edith E.
22	Linda Rachel Noyes	Leroy C. and Joanne
22	Elaine Therese Kiezulas	Adam A. and Mary E.
24	Paul Ronald Martin	Norman S. and Nancy M.
26	Margie Lynn Stratton	Walter S. and Eleanor R.

# BIRTHS REGISTERED IN TOWN OF READING FOR YEAR 1956

Date	Name	Parents
March		
26	Richard Arthur Parry	Ralph J. and Dorothy
28	Joan Leslie Power	John L. and Stella T.
29	Cheryl Ann Doiron	Robert W. and Jacqueline J.
29	Donna Ruth Watson	Theodore R. and Phyllis M.
29	Sylvia Carol Spencer	Philip W. and Barbara
30	Deborah Ann Dennison	Robert A., Jr. and Nancy A.
30	Alison Binney	Ralph E. and Carol
April		
3	Ann Curran	William J. and Eleanor L.
3	Neal Chapman Coombs	Robert B. and Irene V.
5	Peter Libby Griffin	John J. and Priscilla A.
6	Mark Regan	John J. and Katherine E.
8	John Richard Smith	Arthur J. Jr. and Dorothy P.
9	Karen Ann Richardson	Elwood L., Jr. and Jean E.
9	David Arthur Ferris	Arthur T. and Pearl V.
10	Edna Mary Frost	Loren A. and Helen M.
12	Roger Brian Selfridge	Robert B. and Marilyn A.
12	Janice Caroline Story	Robert I. and Winifred C.
13	Christina Marie Edwards	Evan P. and Lorraine E.
14	James Edward Flanagan	Thomas B. and Annette
16	Virginia Elaine Axtman	William H. and Gwendolyn R.
16	Steven David Mantia	John J. and Marie L.
16	Diane Marie Parker	William E., Jr. and Marguerite C.
17	Aliceann Wright	Nathaniel C., Jr. and Velma L.
20	Gerard Dana Holland	Gerard W. and Sally J.
20	Scott Douglas Cramer	Wellington M. III and Rowena H.
24	James David Meuse	Ralph T. and Alice K.
24	Patricia Lynn Harrison	James R. and Patricia C.
24	Jean Anne Flathers	Neil T. and Eleanor C.
25	Laura Crittenden	Franklin K. and Dorothy F.
25	— Blackburn	George T. and Eleanor
26	Linda Kristine Nordgren	Lloyd K. and Irma M.
27	Shannon Michael Maher	Thomas F. and Gertrude J.
27	Terence John O'Brien	John E. and Beverly A.
28	Elizabeth Jean Robbins	Laurence W. and Jean B.
28	Laurel Elaine Yeo	Robert D. and Virginia E.
29	Alan Francis Brown	Everett W., Jr. and Marie C.
29	Michael James York	Thomas S. and Alice K.
29	Steven James Warnock	Robert S. and June K.
May		
2	Leo Francis Roche, III	Leo F., Jr. and Mary M.
5	John Michael Foley	James P. and Eileen M.
5	Susan Jean Fuller	William H. and Grace J.



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Date	Name	Parents
May		
6	Catherine Yarbrough Clay	Alfia J. and Martha J.
6	Robert Edmund Merrill	Robert M. and Dorothy J.
7	Deborah Ann Barnes	David H. and Beryl D.
8	Gilbert Harold Tippy	Harold G. and Jean L.
11	Brian Francis Robinson	Donald L. and Eleanor M.
13	Nancy Marie Spongberg	Steve M. and Barbara A.
13	— Gilchrist	Burbeck B. and Dorothy G.
14	Ellen Lee Selfridge	John E., Jr. and Evelyn M.
16	Pamela Jean Parker	Raymond I. and Doris A.
18	— Curtis	John P. and Geraldine R.
23	Baby Girl Allen	Robert W., Jr. and Karlene E.
25	John Edwards Goodwin	Ralph C., Jr. and Barbara E.
25	Lynn Marsha Conner	Robert H. and Gloria M.
25	Mary Lou Teel	Allan H. and Marilyn L.
27	Scott Winthrop Didham	Arthur W. and Dorothy G.
30	Victor Philip Bosteels	Victor and Mildred L.
June		
1	Kurt Ohnesorge	Gilbert W. and Selma G.
5	Denstad Stanley Roberts	Arthur W. and Myrtle
5	Philip James Bonnet	Henry and Elizabeth A.
6	John Marcus Lewis	John E. and Dorothy M.
6	David Lee Zitzow	Harold P. and Virginia
8	Paula Bradford Kelly	Joseph B. and June D.
8	Martin Gerard Kelly	Edward L. and Florence G.
10	Kim Michele Genest	Alfred J. and Marjorie J.
10	Lisa Marie Miles	Edward R. and Elizabeth
10	Susan Elizabeth Calef	Charles L. and Lorna V.
11	Kathleen Ann Iosua	Frank V. and Ruth F.
12	Robert Paul Fallon	Frederick A. and Edith T.
12	Jay Michael Riley	James E. and Catherine E.
13	Rebecca Ann Fields	Robert J. and Lorraine I.
13	Joan Mary Freeman	Thomas H. and Edith G.
13	Anne Marie McSheehy	Robert S. and Janet L.
17	Carol Ann Bridge	William H., Jr. and Virginia R.
17	James Patrick Carew	Thomas W. and Frances
17	Jacqueline Rita Cleary	Charles W. and Rita T.
19	— MacIssac	Archie D. and Sadie A.
22	Patricia Mary O'Brien	Francis M. and Rose C.
23	Nancy Lee DiCesare	Victor and Mildred F.
23	John Harry Muise, III	John H., Jr. and Jean W.
23	Kathleen Ellen Darcy	Edward J. and Anne E.
23	Christopher James Hartford	Charles F., Jr. and Barbara
24	Elaine Marie Rizzo	Richard A. and Evelyn L.
25	Richard Brackett Tucker	Robert B. and Ethel G.

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Date	Name	Parents
June		
25	Agnes Catherine Thornton	Thomas J. and Agnes C.
27	Daryl Eliot Marsh	Baxter J., Jr. and Marjorie A.
27	Patricia O'Gorman	Joseph R. and Eileen P.
27	Ann Adele Carter	Frederick D. and Mary A.
29	Patricia Mary Nickerson	Charles N., Jr. and Mary V.
29	Gail Ellen Rex	Robert B. and Evelyn L.
29	Mark Stamatis	Charles H. and Ruth A.
29	Patricia Ann Medlock	Herbert H. and Patricia A.
30	Glenn Allen Young	Francis E. and Claire E.
July		
1	John Francis Moran, Jr.	John F. and Thelma A.
2	Scott Alan Hoffman	Charles R. and Florence L.
2	Meryll Evan Rose	Kenneth R. and Marilyn A.
4	Barbara Ann Quinlan	John J., Jr. and Delia M.
4	Laurel Elaine Peardon	Harold D. and Ethel I.
5	David Edward Fasciano	Edward R. and Pauline A.
6	Candace Anne Hiitt	Arthur C. and Janetta G.
6	Laurel Ann Brophy	John T. and Joan A.
7	Kenneth Ray Moore	Clyde A. and Gertrude L.
10	Robert Cusolito	Vincent J. and Barbara T.
10	Benjamin Brett Beaudry	Benjamin G. and Audrey R.
11	Brian George Sheehan	Alban G. and Mary C.
12	Cathleen Ann Griffin	Robert D. and Dorothy E.
14	Daniel Charles Hurley	Edward C. and Alice L.
14	Kevin Grimes	James H., Jr. and Marguerite E.
15	Michael Gerard Monahan	Richard J. and Rita A.
16	Patricia Anne Donovan	Bernard F. and Eileen C.
17	Tracy Alyson Parisian	Roland E. and Eleanor Q.
20	Patricia May Brown	Robert A. and Charlotte E.
22	Malcolm Edward Morrison, Jr.	Malcolm E. and Margaret E.
23	Michele Gardiner McManus	Richard G. and Carole R.
23	Joan Anna Ricker	George C. and Evelyn V.
26	Nan Gower Stevens	Bradley S. and Jelen J.
26	Thomas George White	George A., Jr. and Patricia L.
26	Elizabeth Ann Mehaffey	Chester T. and Anna E.
28	Karen Anne Kiely	Jeremiah J. and Rosalie A.
30	Michele Surette	James L. and Loretta A.
30	David Gino Vacca	Gino A. and Jennie A.
31	Kathleen Mary Comita	John R. and Marion J.
31	Richard Stewart Wright	William and Natalie E.
August		
2	Barbara Eleanor Stevens	Ralph E. and Eleanor N.
3	Stephen Luongo	Joseph A., Jr. and Mary C.

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Date	Name	Parents
August		
7	James Patrick Hicks, II	William J. and Barbara L.
7	Leah Louise Moore	William D. and Marguerita M.
7	Stacy Buchanan Loesch	Buchanan and Jean E.
7	John Francis Rourke	John E. and Ann H.
8	Kim Anne Sitar	Andrew A., Jr. and Lorraine J.
12	— Crockett	Lew W. and Eleanor A.
12	Joan Carol Vicario	Vincent H. and Florence A.
12	Karen Frances Bertucelli	Albert E. and Winnifred W.
13	Mary Patricia Fennelly	George E., Jr. and Ruth W.
14	Steven Philip Denbow	Delbert P. and June A.
15	Julie Marie VanSchalkwyk	Richard and Pauline A.
16	Susan Lynn Remige	Anthony L. and Miriam F.
16	Karen Irene Drolette	Joseph L. and Irene B.
17	June Ann Asmussen	Frederick A. and Gertrude M.
17	David Brian Griffin	James J. and Margaret M.
18	Donna Jean Anderson	Bengt H. and Doris J.
20	Belynda Ann Coker	Allen T. and Beverly A.
20	John Joseph Falkenstrom	Charles E. and Lucille F.
21	Jonathan Wells Cook	Chester A., Jr. and Charlotte E.
21	Susan Beth Cumming	Alexander B. and Ruth
22	Jeanette Shirley LaFave	Robert C. and Shirley H.
25	Bernard Michael Birmingham	Bernard M. and Virginia M.
28	Louise DiNapoli	Donald E. and Anne T.
28	David Roy Hyslip	George R. and Loretta L.
29	Elizabeth Vincent Struss	Thornton V. and Lorraine E.
30	Susan Beth Bleecker	Walter S. and Norma W.
30	Patricia Eileen Bleecker	Walter S. and Norma W.
31	William Edward Ripa	Vito P. and Hazel M.
September		
4	Nancy Ann Perry	Alfred L. and Jean M.
5	Patricia Sue FitzPatrick	Edward J., Jr. and Thelma E.
6	Thomas Joseph Strandberg	Tere G. and Mildred
7	Herbert Brook Higginbotham	Herbert, Jr. and Doris M.
8	Boysen Edward Daddario	Francis E. and Lorena M.
8	Lea Ellen Meador	Paul W. and Mildred R.
9	Robert Parker Kimball	Harvey R. and Eleanor T.
9	Barry Allan Marsh	Alexander and Shirley L.
12	Robin Ann Nelson	Robert J. and Lois A.
15	Sandra Jeanne Turner	Theodore W., Jr. and Leslie A.
15	Lisa Ann Hultgren	Paul W. and M. Alice
17	David Lawrence Dooley, Jr.	David L. and Mary E.
17	Lucille Mattera	Richard A. and Margaret
18	Kathleen Joy Nelson	Theodore S. and Norma E.
19	Lee David Woodward	Robert G. and Helen L.

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Date	Name	Parents
September		
20	Thomas Joseph Moore	Francis E. and Joanne C.
20	Susan Jean Feener	Gordon E. and Barbara M.
20	Kevin Joseph Winter	Robert F. and Mary J.
21	Linda Jean White	Malcolm S., Jr. and Florence E.
22	Todd Roger Comins	Roger E. and Ann L.
22	Walter John Kulakowski, Jr.	Walter J. and Lucille
23	Wayne Paul Lanzillo, Jr.	Wayne P. and Joan M.
27	Deborah Anne Farris	Grayel E. and Gail M.
29	John Robert McNamara	Joseph R. and Edith F.
29	Susan Small	Norman B. and Marilyn
October		
1	— LeBlanc	Donald and Lorraine
1	Lisa Jean Parrin	John W. and Ruth M.
2	Timothy Francis Brennan	Frank K. and Mildred E.
3	Janice Therese Lynch	John T. and Jeanne T.
3	Dana Edward Norris	David E. and Lois E.
4	Paul David Condon	David N. and Diane B.
4	Steven William Smith	William H., Jr. and Aline J.
8	William Courtis Saunders	Courtis, Jr. and Dorothy J.
9	Sheryl Ann Parshley	Harry W., Jr. and Louane I.
11	Richard Nelson Day	Robert F. and Shirley E.
12	Meredith Susan Brown	Laurence G. and June A.
15	Thomas Upton Spinosa	Frank J. and Deborah H.
16	Douglas Allen Boyd	Stanley W., Jr. and Shirley J.
16	Barbara Jean Tilton	Robert A. and Dorothy E.
17	Stephen Mark Sharry	Augustine F., Jr. and Margaret S.
17	Ellen Marie Monty	Gilbert H. and Charlotte M.
19	Jeffrey John Reardon	Francis J. and Claire G.
23	Betsy Jo Warner	John M. and Carol J.
24	Pamela Lynda Colby	Carroll N. and Ruth D.
25	Steven Mark Darr	Chester H. and Ruth B.
25	Leo Charles Downing, Jr.	Leo C. and Mary T.
28	Peter Griffin Gianaris	Peter and Agnes D.
29	Stephen Douglas Murphy	William J., Jr. and Marcia E.
29	Janet Patricia Walsh	Michael K. and Marjorie P.
November		
1	— Burnham	W. Franklin and Dorothy F.
2	Albert Francis Johnson, Jr.	Albert F. and Eleanor J.
2	Marcia Kimball Davenport	William G. and Virginia F.
5	James Arthur Cutelis	Arthur J. and Eugenia
6	Bruce Edward Blamire	Leonard A. and Marie T.
6	Scott Christopher Hoyt	Quentin J. and Joan E.
8	David John Landry	John L. and Margaret I.

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Date	Name	Parents
November		
8	Mark Wallis	Lloyd W., Jr. and Barbara A.
9	Cathleen Alison Evans	Richard D. and Gertrude I.
9	Richard Irving Skidmore	Thomas I. and Ada L.
11	John William Davis	Edgar J. and Katherine M.
12	— Ciampa	Ralph A. and Catherine M.
13	James Philip Collins	John P. and Muriel C.
13	Jane Ellen Hollis	Ernest T. and Gertrude K.
13	George Frank Soule	Robert E. and Roberta G.
16	Heather Winslow Hartshorn	Benjamin M., Jr. and Virginia W.
18	David Gregory Malphrus	Albert W. and Pearl E.
18	Suzanne Magnuson	John F. and Eleanor R.
18	Gail Marie Gillies	Robert E. and Nola S.
21	James William Harris	Alfred A., Jr. and Doris J.
21	Thomas Edwin Mafera	Richard G. and Lillian E.
24	Sharon Ann Jones	Robert P. and Elizabeth F.
26	Donald Roger Goss	Warren G. and Ella L.
28	Brian Joseph Cody	William J., Jr. and Barbara A.
28	James Michael Keefe	Frederick J. and Eleanor C.
30	James David Cook, Jr.	James D. and Dorothy A.
December		
1	Jacqueline Judy Pike	Randall L. and Louisa B.
2	Jeffrey Roy Ceccacci	Joseph A., Jr. and Margit E.
4	David John Zwicker	Melburn C. and Lucille R.
5	John Richard Larrimer	Walter H., Jr. and Jean M.
6	Carlyn Hope Appleton	Edward F. and Ruth E.
6	Teresa Anne O'Brien	Maurice J. and Mary E.
6	Kathleen Mary Hardy	Joseph T. and Mary L.
7	Gerard Joseph Maraghy	Bernard A. and Josephine L.
7	William McLean Mossman	Woodrow M. and Margaret E.
8	Edward William Haley, Jr.	Edward W. and Lillian T.
11	Martin Glenn Mallett	Oliver C. and Winnifred D.
12	David Roy	Donet J. and Josephine
12	William Edward Rosenkrans	Frank A. and Charlotte V.
12	Alan Leo Doyon	Maurice P. and Cecile A.
15	Karen Ann Couture	Raymond R. and June C.
15	Debra Marie George	Peter L. and Agnes M.
16	Michael Graham Tower	Thomas C. and Janet C.
17	Joedie Ann Fierro	Joseph N. and Edith M.
22	William Jeffrey Bonfield	Charles S. and Betty A.
22	Barbara Ann Mulloy	Robert W. and Caroline J.
22	Andrea Frances Gish	Lyle L. and Helen M.
25	Christopher Paul McConnell	James E. and Adeline D.
25	Kenneth Robert McConnell	James E. and Adeline D.
26	David Charles Flinn	Walter H. III and Mary L.



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Date	Name	Parents
December		
26	Thelma Melanie MacFaden	James J., Jr. and Mary M.
27	Quentin Arthur Bethune	Quentin C. and Marilyn E.
28	Brian Francis Butler	James T. and Ruth L.
29	Scott Keith Muccio	Roger A. and Evelyn
29	Matthew Conte	Oscar and Margaret L.
29	Michael Patrick Sullivan	Joseph C. and Beatrice A.
30	David Reed Priebe	Richard G. and Elizabeth A.
30	Karen Elaine Chapman	Paul N. and Georgia

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Date	Name	Parents
1955		
June		
15	Gary Edward Weldon	Earl R., Jr. and Jean
22	Ellen Ruth Kilgore	Harold D. and Ruth
August		
12	Betty Ann Zeytoonian	Haig J. and Doris E.
16	Karen Linnea Sponberg	Robert C. and Lillian
September		
15	Karen Lilla Andersen	Theodore H. and Adrith
21	Robert Christopher Steele	Robert P. and Catherine A.
October		
1	John Toner	Joseph P. and Eleanor
	Susan Tessier	Norman R. and Dorthea
25	Michael Francis Gallagher	Leo C. and Jean B.
26	Jane Florence Patriquin	Carleton W. and Florence C.
November		
5	Marion Crow	Dwight F., Jr. and Eleanor
13	Patrick Gerard Sweeney	Paul F. and Norma
26	Paul Robert Mitchell	Christopher S. and Mary
December		
5	Peter Hanlon Duffy	Robert E. and M. Eleanor
16	Elizabeth Ann Watson	John J. and Alice M.
22	Gail Leslie Cripps	Leonard B. and Lucie M.
26	Donald Noel Fairneny	Donald and Jean S.
31	Susan Diane Berger	Conrad P. and Jean G.

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
January				
11	Lawrence James Willwerth	23	Laboratory technician	Reading
	Patricia Ann Downing	18	At home	Reading
20	Harvey Joseph Racine	24	Truck driver	Reading
	Elizabeth Eunice Cail	18	Machine operator	Reading
20	Raymond Roger Couture	29	Law student	Sanford, Me.
	June C. M. Tarbox	29	Secretary	Reading
22	Ralph Hawthorne Norris	63	Retired	Hollis, N.H.
	Ina Wallace Magoon	65	At home	Littleton, N.H.
28	Robert Thomas Beck	24	Apprentice machinist	Cambridge
	Dorothy Perry	26	Operator	Lowell
30	Bernard Walter Tolsma	21	U.S. Army	Woburn
	Rita Maureen Boudreau	19	Telephone operator	Woburn
February				
4	Frank Norman Lane	21	Pipe fitter	East Boston
	Priscilla Ann Howe	21	Secretary	Reading
11	John F. Brennan	30	Sales Supervisor	Randolph
	Elizabeth Ann Tierney	22	Service rep.	Jamaica Plain
12	James William Dunn	18	Apprentice carpenter	Reading
	Carol Ann Walker	17	Secretary	No. Reading
17	Paul Warren Barrett	21	Office work	Reading
	Jean Frances Malonson	18	Shoe worker	Lynnfield
24	Leonard Allyn Perkins	47	Mechanic	Maynard
	Helena Mary (Barrett) Rye	35	Cook	Somerville
25	Frank Edmond Nicholson	19	Student	Stoneham
	Rosemary Ricks	19	Secretary	Reading
March				
2	Herbert Sinclair Ferren	18	Student	No. Reading
	Jean Carley Doucette	18	Computer	Reading
3	Arthur Earle Knapp	32	Commercial Artist	Reading
	Lorna Dixon Carter	25	Personnel manager	Boston
10	Henry John Dempsey	26	Insurance underwriter	Winchester
	Allene Jane Goodwin	22	Salesgirl	Winchester
10	Lawrence Milliken Miller	22	Electronics	Reading
	Priscilla Dandero	19	Housekeeper	Newton
24	John S. Twinam	18	U.S. Army	No. Reading
	Ruth J. Garvin	16	Receptionist	No. Reading
30	Nicodemus Vela	22	U.S. Army	Woburn
	Ann Pitcairn	19	At home	Ipswich

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
April				
5	Robert Grosvenor Currier, Sr.	45	Investment counselor	Reading
	Virginia May Smith Neitzel	32	At home	Milwaukee, Wis.
7	Ernest G. Babcock, Jr.	28	Contractor	Reading
	Sally Viall	26	Telephone operator	Reading
7	Norman J. Cox	23	Driller	Dracut
	Joan Marie Hilton	18	Shoe worker	Reading
7	John Herbert Brander	31	with Municipal Light	Reading
	Virginia Claire Doucette	21	Office clerk	Reading
8	George Joseph Carroll	21	Mechanic	Chelsea
	Janet Rose Poore	19	Telephone operator	Reading
8	Robert Emmett O'Brien	25	Machine operator	Wakefield
	Mary Margaret Malone	24	Typist	Reading
14	J. Kenneth Hatfield	38	Shoe worker	Wakefield
	Barbara Mills Hall	31	Medical secretary	Reading
14	Bartholomew Joseph Valido	24	Printer	Reading
	Jane Thelma Garden Tipton	21	Secretary	Wilmington
15	Joseph Peter Aglio	25	Carpenter	Reading
	Marie Dolores Fagone	23	Stenographer	E. Boston
15	David Nelson Condon	20	Hairdresser	Reading
	Diane Beatrice Robbins	18	Telephone operator	Reading
20	Richard Lincoln Barstow	25	Installer N.E.T.&T.	Walpole
	Norma Mary Francis	21	Clerk	Providence, R.I.
28	Ignatious DiGirolamo	23	House mover	Wilmington
	Joanne Mary Faieta	21	Odd shoe girl	Winchester
28	James William Sharkey	26	Color mixer	Reading
	Patricia Arlene Hickey	25	Bookkeeper	Reading
28	Francis Walter Rose	23	Glazer	Reading
	Priscilla Louise Melanson	22	Machine operator	Wakefield
28	Ignazio John Palumbo	26	Contractor	Reading
	Claire Arlene Carlson	21	Stenographer	Lynn
May				
5	Frank Howard MacMillan, Jr.	20	U.S. Navy	Reading
	Patricia Ann Raymond	16	Clerk	Reading
5	Ingwell Martin Johnson	56	Production engineer	East Natick
	Dorothy Virginia N. Daniel	38	Accounting	Reading
11	Vaughn Gostanian	31	Service manager	Watertown
	Bernice Virginia Ciccarelli	29	Secretary	Cambridge
11	Leon Miller Barnard	23	U.S. Army	Connecticut
	Elizabeth Diane Rankin	21	Student	Connecticut

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May				
12	Alfred Edward Colford	31	Production assistant	Reading
	Helen Kathryn Bennett	30	Office clerk	Reading
13	Anthony Modestino Spagnola	24	Electronics	Revere
	Dorothy Louise Venuti	18	Factory worker	Reading
19	John Louis Paolucci	20	Factory worker	Malden
	Marilyn Dorothy Sampson	18	Waitress	Reading
26	Paul A. Swanson	26	Repair man	Billerica
	Carol Colton	18	Student	Lexington
June				
2	Vincent Campbell	49	Mechanic	Reading
	Barbara Ball Woodman	46	Credit interviewer	Reading
2	David Norman Riemer	22	U.S. Army	Reading
	Annmarie Judith Powers	21	Payroll clerk	Lowell
2	Wayne Abbott Rollins	22	U.S.A.F.	Reading
	Virginia Arline Hall	21	Office clerk	W. Medford
2	Lawrence Ross Merrow, Jr.	26	Salesman	Reading
	Carol Lee MacClary	23	Telephone operator	Somerville
2	Kenneth Leo Noltie	19	U.S. Navy	Nebraska
	Donna Lea Stevens	17	Waitress	Reading
3	Daniel Joseph Doran	25	Printer	Reading
	Bernadine Louise Surette	22	Stenographer	Stoneham
3	Eugene Gentile	23	Truck driver	Woburn
	Josephine Rigione	22	Receptionist	Reading
6	James Mattocks White, Jr.	28	Lawyer	Beverly Farms
	Nita Michelini	26	At home	Reading
8	George Warren Cochrane, 3rd	28	Proprietor	Reading
	Ann Winslow	27	At home	Needham
9	Colin David Albee	23	Tannery worker	Reading
	Joan Frances Lahde	20	Student	Providence, R.I.
9	Harry Frank Carlson	25	Manufacturer's agent	Reading
	Daulin Elizabeth Marshall	22	School teacher	Hingham
9	Henry Howard Honiss	19	Student	W. Hartford, Conn.
	Violet Maria Sheldon	18	Student	Reading
16	Everett James Roscoe	21	Truck driver	Reading
	Margaret Ann Leonard	21	Clerk	Reading
17	Douglas Clifton Gearson, Jr.	22	Inspector	Dedham
	Arlynne Carroll	24	Teacher	Reading
20	Herbert Nathaniel McSheehy	27	Carpenter	Reading
	Norma Marie Perry	23	Sales clerk	Andover

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
June				
20	Carroll Noyes Colby	36	Personnel director	Reading
	Ruth Doris Fraser	32	Secretary	Cambridge
22	Joseph L. Brod	26	U.S. Navy	Waco, Texas
	Norma J. Lee	19	At home	Billerica
24	William Harold Hodsdon	33	Real estate salesman	Wakefield
	Lorraine Angela Valido	30	Secretary	Reading
29	Mario Carbonetti	58	Carpenter	Billerica
	Elizabeth U. Gilbert	28	Stitcher	Billerica
30	Clarence Albert White	24	Construction	Reading
	Irma Francis Crosby Beech	29	Glass cutter	Reading
30	Luther Wood Miller	23	U.S. Army	Stamford, Conn.
	Patricia Ann Lothrop	23	School teacher	Reading
30	Owen Smith Trask	42	Teacher	Coventry, Conn.
	Laura Elizabeth Hamm Winn	30	Teacher	Reading
30	Winslow Page Burhoe	71	Lawyer	Reading
	Marjorie Annie Kenneally	58	Office manager	Medford
30	Cecil Dutton Terhune	43	Machinist	Reading
	Martha Evaeth Lummus	40	At home	Malden
30	Francis James Wm. Lazenby	22	Teacher	Reading
	Anita Ruth Mulhinch	18	Salesgirl	Reading
30	Gordon Louis Muise	26	with Boston Stove Fd.	Wakefield
	Rita Josephine Tower	21	Waitress	Reading

## July

1	John Allen Pearson	24	Production controls	No. Andover
	Ruth Jeanne Moodie	21	Registered nurse	Reading
1	Stanley Winfield Peva, Jr.	25	Engineer	Reading
	Katherine Marie Aloï	20	Typist	Malden
1	Walter Bruce Johnson	25	Bank clerk	Reading
	Lerlean Ross	24	Teacher	Saugus
1	Grayel Earl Farris	20	Machine worker	Reading
	Gail Marie Conti	17	At home	Reading
4	David Howland Dolben	21	Student	Reading
	Jean Ann Eyles	22	Student	Lunenburg
7	Ivar Carl Linde	20	Apprentice tool & die maker	Wilmington
	Natalie Ruth Zanni	20	IBM operator	Reading
7	Bruce Ferguson Buckler	22	Junior accountant	Reading
	Joan Lea Horrigan	19	Stenographer	Wakefield
8	Anthony Francis Pandolph	23	with Atlantic Gelatine Co.	Woburn
	Janice Ethel Boutwell	19	Typist	Reading



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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
July				
14	Henry Soszynski	32	Asst. Art director	Reading
	Janet Mae Bailey	25	Graphic illustrator	E. Braintree
14	Harmon Donald Smith, Jr.	21	Unemployed	Reading
	Barbara Jean Gaw	20	Legal secretary	Reading
14	Gerald Emil Cubelli	37	Administrator	Scarsdale, N.Y.
	Mary Lydia Gibson	24	Physical therapist	Reading
16	John J. Mastro	31	Iron worker	Reading
	Gloria Rita Roy	24	Registered nurse	Berlin, N.H.
31	Norman L. Grandmaison	27	Hotel manager	Boston
	Mary I. Allen	27	Hostess	Boston
August				
4	Manuel Miranda Mendes, Jr.	27	Operator, NHRR	Hartford, Conn.
	Frances Pennachio	27	Cosmetician	Reading
4	Laurence George Coward, Jr.	22	Painter	Reading
	Joyce Marie MacMillan	19	Telephone operator	Reading
4	William James Sullivan	19	Gas station attendant	Reading
	Sandra Joan Helpard	19	Typist	No. Reading
5	Norman Lewis Joyce	26	Asst. foreman	Winchester
	Doris Anne Miller	18	Cashier	Reading
8	Lawrence Lyle DeLong	27	Production specialist	Reading
	Nancy Marguerite Fitzgibbon	24	Stewardess	Newmarket, N.H.
11	Joseph William Beninati, Jr.	44	Truck driver	Reading
	Anna Nellie Kectic Pinkham	36	Laundry worker	Chelsea
11	Fred Henry Comeau	21	Mechanic	Andover
	Mary Louise Newhouse	18	At home	Reading
18	Joseph Anthony Zanni	22	Contracting	Reading
	Sylvia Anne MacMillan	21	Secretary	Reading
18	David Woodbury Crockett	34	Purchasing agent	Reading
	Patricia Fleming	36	Secretary	Malden
18	Richard Carter Heselton	45	Truck driver	Reading
	Beatrice Esther Hall Springer			
	Gilpatric	44	Home maker	No. Reading
19	David Currier Morrill	25	Geologist	Watertown
	Ann Elise Francis	21	Secretary	Reading
25	Dexter Warren Jacobs	28	Civil engineer	Reading
	Nancy Lawson	26	Bank teller	No. Reading
26	Warren Neil Lewis	29	Truck driver	Reading
	Natalie Joyce Falle	25	Counter girl	Reading
26	Arthur W. Morrison, Jr.	24	State trooper	Reading
	Cathleen Isobelle Taylor	27	Clerk	Weymouth

# MARRIAGES REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1956

Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
August				
26	George Louis Castine	49	Barber	Reading
	Daisy M. White	48	School teacher	Wakefield
30	Ernest Harold Gerrior	59	Janitor	Medford
	Edith Nevers (nee Collins)	63	At home	Medford
30	James Burton McGovern	19	Self-employed	No. Reading
	Lorraine Elizabeth Jewett	18	At home	Reading
31	Allan Clyde Nickerson	23	Mechanic's helper	Reading
	Barbara Louise White	19	Shoe worker	Wilmington
September				
1	Paul Stickney Page	59	Accountant	Reading
	Gilda Calese Guraldi Mitchell	62	Vice president	Chelmsford
1	Selden Max Gerade	24	Electronic tech.	Reading
	Virginia Mira Webb	24	Secretary	Reading
1	Kenneth M. Tibbetts	23	Machinist	Boston
	Shirley L. Cook	25	Secretary	Wilmington
1	Blair Metcalf	23	Draftsman	Reading
	Joan Caroline Kelley	22	Salesgirl	Belmont
1	Paul George Bruder	22	Draftsman	Allston
	Patricia Anne McKean	18	Colorist	Reading
2	Lawrence Joseph Hubbard	22	Gas station attendant	Reading
	Frances Patricia Sullivan	24	Stenographer	Reading
2	Carl Harold Abell	21	Clerk	Reading
	Naomi Mary Strob	19	Clerk	Wilmington
3	Joseph Charles O'Meara, Jr.	25	Bank examiner	Stoneham
	Dorothy Therese Liberatore	27	Stenographer	Reading
3	John Richard Nazzaro, Jr.	23	Laboratory tech.	W. Roxbury
	Melba Marie Gardiner	25	Secretary	Reading
8	Thomas Joseph Parsons	29	U.S. Navy	Medford
	Betty McBride	26	At home	Medford
8	William Francis Sullivan, Jr.	28	Accountant	Reading
	Ruth Constance Corey	22	Appraiser	Tewksbury
8	John Preston Miller	23	Student	No. Reading
	Barbara Maxine Crouse	21	Nurse	Reading
8	Carl Richard Steeves	27	Student	Reading
	Joan Barbara Altpeter	21	Student	Dennis
8	James Clarke Crawford	26	Student	Reading
	Dorothy Grace Capetti	25	Nurse	Boston
8	Arthur Dixon Mansfield	26	Elec. technician	Reading
	Cora Aileen Skidmore	27	Nurse	Roxbury

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
September				
13	Marc Emerson Colburn	21	U.S.A.F.	Reading
	Rita Sylvia DiPalma	21	Bookkeeper	Somerville
15	Richard Carter Heselton, Jr.	26	Machinist	Reading
	Nancy Jane Perillo	23	Waitress	Wakefield
15	Alfred Joseph Flateau	26	Lumber handler	Reading
	Jane Marie Maciel	22	Secretary	Vineyard Haven
15	Rex Kyser	29	Electrician	Reading
	Jean Beryl Wilson	29	Clerk	No. Reading
15	Charles Albert Adams	31	Florist	Reading
	Virginia Lillian Merrill	20	Floral designer	Reading
16	Robert Allen Reppucci	20	Mechanic	Reading
	Helen Elizabeth Laughlin	19	Clerk-typist	Somerville
16	Edward Joseph Hyre a/k/a			
	Edward Joseph Hrynowsky	27	Advertising	Reading
	Rosemary Herron	25	Secretary	Lynnfield
22	Lawrence Roger Blood	23	U.S. Army	Reading
	Esther-Jane Bailey	25	Secretary	Cambridge
22	Maurice Henry Donegan, Jr.	28	Carpenter	Reading
	Eleanora Lucci	24	At home	No. Reading
23	Ralph Douglas Powell	27	Electronic technician	Reading
	Patricia Christine Hanna	21	Secretary	Methuen
28	Arthur Paul White	22	Auto salesman	Reading
	Nancy Jean Rogers	20	Clerk	Reading
29	Robert Frederick Fortier	28	Designer	Reading
	Anne Louise Collins	21	Artist	Lynn
October				
6	Edward Homer Stanley	29	Draftsman	Reading
	Alice Mae Amirault	21	Telephone operator	Reading
6	Robert Paige Mason	25	Physicist	Arlington, Va.
	Marilyn Anne Turner	22	Geographer	Reading
6	David Warren Redfearn	30	Spray painter	Wakefield
	Ethel Linda Vidito	22	Receptionist	Reading
7	Carl Breck Pitman	64	Banker	Reading
	Mary Adelaide Colby Evans	67	Housekeeper	Reading
12	Arthur Cleveland Skelton	45	Repair foreman	Woburn
	Margaret Florence Mitza	45	Waitress	Billerica
13	Oskar Peter Weber	24	Cabinet maker	Reading
	Rosina Krebelder	22	Mill worker	Andover
13	Karl Malcolm Hovey	22	Lab. technician	Reading
	Janet Louise Ferren	20	Secretary	No. Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
October				
13	Richard Francis Barney	25	U.S. Navy	Reading
	Dorothy Marie Belanger	22	Service representative	Andover
18	Norman G. Knapp, Jr.	23	U.S. Army	Poultney, Vt.
	Roberta T. White	19	Student	Morrisville, Pa.
19	Anthony Michael Scalisi	22	Shipping dept.	Medford
	Frances Yvonne McCabe	19	Secretary	Reading
20	Robert Wright Beaton	29	Laborer	Woburn
	Delia Ruth Terravecchia	21	At home	Woburn
20	Emery Blake Smith	28	Train director	Reading
	Joanne Lois Dickey	22	Secretary	Watertown
20	James Ronald Boucher	24	Student	Waltham
	Barbara Louis Blanchard	20	Clerk	Reading
25	Russell Cooke	32	U.S. Navy	New York
	Barbara Harlow	27	Nurse's aide	Boston
27	Donald Clayton Surdam	21	Plumber	Reading
	Virginia Marie Dolan	19	Tel. operator	Reading

## November

2	Albert M. Palange	21	Army	East Boston
	Marlene Margaret LeFave	21	Factory worker	Wakefield
3	William Henry Wandless	26	Commercial rep.	Stoneham
	Joanne Ruth Fritz	22	Secretary	Reading
3	Leonard Francis Meuse, Jr.	22	Printer	Wakefield
	Dorothy Marjorie Beaudet	28	Clerk	Reading
10	John Edward Delay	22	Student	Bloomsburg, Pa.
	Beverly Snyder	19	Clerk-typist	Reading
11	Charles Daniel Saunders, Jr.	18	U.S. Navy	Reading
	Joyce Carol Skane	18	At home	Reading
15	William James Lyon	27	Clerk	Wakefield
	Shirley Mary Blout	26	Stenographer	Stoneham
11	Richard G. Walker	24	U.S.A.F.	Reading
	Carol I. Pope	21	Graduate nurse	Brattleboro, Vt.
17	Charles Robert Fraser	25	Student	No. Falmouth
	Joyce Louise Frazier	22	Saleslady	Reading
17	Robert John Doucette	26	Mason contractor	Reading
	Joan Elizabeth Cushing	20	Plastic worker	Wilmington
18	Charles Wallace Marble	22	Student	Reading
	Sybil Marie Brosnan	22	Secretary	Arlington
18	Michael P. DiTonno	62	Shoe repairer	Wakefield
	Stephanie Natalia Debelli	45	Housekeeper	Reading

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Date	Name	Age	Occupation	Residence
November				
24	Robert Clyde Weymouth	23	Student	Reading
	Marjorie Elaine Pace	21	Waitress	New Durham, N.H.
25	John Robert McNabola III	23	Student	New Haven, Conn.
	Helen Marie Swenson	20	Registered nurse	Reading
30	Donald R. Fraser	23	Teacher	Billerica
	Dorothy (Hall) Finnigan	26	At home	Tewksbury
December				
1	Kimber Harvey Pigon	21	U.S. Navy	Reading
	Marilyn Joyce Rogers	20	Clerk	Reading
1	Alphonse Joseph Bourgeois	28	Welder	Saugus
	Ruth Mary Smith	38	Shoe worker	Reading
9	Thomas Joel Walker	23	with Fitchburg Paper Co.	Ashby
	Lois Frances Doiron	19	Bookkeeper	Reading
9	Edward Anthony Finnerty	34	Traffic manager	Reading
	Dorothy May Tufts	35	Office manager	Reading
21	John Robert Maloof	19	U.S. Navy	Lawrence
	Sally Towle	19	Attendant nurse	Reading
22	Ralph Ernest Nickerson	31	Maintenance man	Reading
	Carolyn Marie Harvey	21	Clerk	Winthrop
22	Richard Henry Mullen	23	Meter reader	Reading
	Gloria Elena Sias	17	Payroll clerk	Reading
22	Daniel David Pignato	39	Construction work	Woburn
	Elizabeth Dorothea Day	19	Clerk-typist	Reading
29	Robert Blake Hulsman	24	Geologist	Reading
	Fane Constance Cowan	21	Medical technologist	Reading
29	Donald MacLeod Zanni	22	Contractor	Reading
	Claudette Marie Roche	22	Secretary	Reading
30	William Irwin Calhoun	21	U.S. Army	Reading
	Barbara Frances McCulloch	22	Bank teller	Medford
30	Charles Irving Horton	24	Laborer	W. Roxbury
	Sylvia Marilyn Champaigne	19	Factory worker	Reading
31	Allen LeRoy Barrett	22	Truck driver	Reading
	Olive Mary Pyburn	26	At home	Wakefield



# DEATHS REGISTERED IN READING FOR THE YEAR 1956

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
January					
2	Charles Lyman Quigley	74	10	29	Carcinomatosis
3	Laura Mabel (Davis) Ham	66	0	19	Cancer of stomach
3	Edith M. Gray	90	7	20	Arteriosclerosis
12	May Eliza Beaton	75	7	3	Pulmonary emphysema
13	Millie (Cummings) Northrup	88	4	29	Cerebral thrombosis
15	Elizabeth Catherine Lyons		1	5	Interstitial pneumonia
18	Mary P. Bernard (Doucette)	85	2	24	Ventricular failure
23	Barbara Stotz Johnston	87			Arteriosclerosis
23	Bernice (Barnum) Magison	51	9	19	Pulmonary embolism
24	Melissa Ann Dockendorff	91	1	6	Arteriosclerosis
25	Baby Boissonneau				Stillborn
26	Clara Hengstler				
	Buddenhagen	85	10	24	Carcinoma of pancreas
26	Francis Charles Calhoun	44	7	23	Heart disease
27	Thomas J. Power	50			Broncho pneumonia
29	Florence Esther Wiberg	79	0	30	Coronary occlusion
February					
7	Katherine E. Mooney	82	3	12	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
10	Emma M. (Fuller) Miller	86	6	11	Passive congestion
11	Althena Mililatus	60			Carcinoma
12	Harold Short Ashley	63	1	5	Carcinoma of brain
12	Jane (Bartlett) Gibson	61	0	25	Lobular pneumonia
13	Ruth Procopio	25	6	19	Hodgkin's disease
17	Shirley D. Kent Smith	42	3	2	Carcinomatosis
19	Inez J. (Manley) Atcheson	75	6	1	Heart disease
22	Frank Gromyko	72	3	21	Sudden death
24	Robert Phillips				Stillborn
26	Paul A. Nichols	36	10	8	Brain tumor
27	Patrick J. Connolly	83			Myocardial infarction
March					
3	Emmeline Peters	78	9	25	Cerebral hemorrhage
5	Lulu Struss	69	3	25	Rheumatic heart disease
5	Sherman J. Barrett	59			Acute coronary occlusion
6	Laura M. Hinnendael	65	8	2	Cerebral hemorrhage
10	Mary A. Bancroft	88	9	17	Ch. Myocarditis
10	Frank Wallace Stevens	79	4	11	Ventricular fibrillation
13	Annie M. Dayton (Lyon)	81			Cerebral hemorrhage
13	John Leon Phinney	66	10	28	Dissecting aneurysm
15	Catherine Sarah (Snyder)				
	Wickham	64	0	25	Coronary thrombosis
18	Helen C. (Brown) Johnson	71	8	25	Heart disease
19	Lucy May (Evans) Cockcroft	72	2	14	Carcinoma

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
March					
19	Ernest Clifton Whittredge	86	6		Arteriosclerotic heart disease
20	Arthur W. Gould	56	6	14	Injured by train
21	William J. Rowe	82	7	10	Carcinomatosis and uremia
22	John Wilbur Emerson	80	5	24	Coronary occlusion
30	Agnes Gertrude (Lacey) Hurley	69	7	10	Ch. myocarditis
April					
1	Harry M. McNelly	79	7	11	Cerebral hemorrhage
1	Mary Augusta Nichols	82	8	27	Cerebral hemorrhage
2	Robert Pearson	60	5	6	Congestive heart failure
3	Fitzroy Willard	69	10	18	Pyelonephritis
4	Daisy (Adams) Titus	83			Carcinoma
5	James Uriah Congdon	63	11	15	Pyelonephritis
6	Emma M. (Brown) Richardson	80	8	17	Cor Bovinum
8	Helen A. (Frossard) Nodding	74	11	6	Heart disease
8	Ellen L. O'Brien	88	11	28	Carcinoma
8	Anne Augusta Hintze	92	9	23	Coronary thrombosis
11	George Fell Schroeder	66	7	14	Heart disease
20	Marie E. (Lamiothe) Ward	86	8	10	Heart disease
23	Alice D. Hodson	74	8	17	Myocardial infarction
23	Katharine J. Russell	79			Acute cardiac failure
23	Catherine Clark	84	8	20	Myocardial infarction
25	John Moore Ball	80	8	21	Cerebral thrombosis
25	Baby girl Blackburn	10 hrs.	56 min.		Prematurity
26	Arthur E. Gustafson	66	2	26	Carcinoma of lung
27	Linda K. Nordgren			1	Atelectasis of lungs
30	Mary Zyskowski	85	11	8	Carcinoma
30	Albert Richard Maines	51	5	0	Cerebral embolism
May					
1	Josephine Theresa Ambrose	84			Cerebral hemorrhage
2	Alice Amelia Wilson	87	4	29	Cerebral hemorrhage
8	Helen Pacheco	35	11	5	Auto accident, extensive burns
12	Frank Mason Elwell	78	1	3	Broncho pneumonia
13	Martha (Warren) Taylor	82	9	2	Broncho pneumonia
13	Mabel C. (Colligan) Quimby	90		9	Cerebral hemorrhage
13	Baby Boy Gilchrist	9	hours		Multiple congenital anom- alies
15	Henry H. Quigley	67	4	24	Dissecting aneurysm of aorta
15	Daniel Rhinear Chamberlain	82	1	2	Chronic myocarditis
17	Ruth Elizabeth Smith	63	9	13	Cerebral hemorrhage

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
May					
18	Paul Howard Robbins	22			Crushed chest, accident
18	Thomas F. Dempsey	13			Asphyxiation by drowning
18	Sarah A. Carter	67	8	23	Carcinoma pancreas
19	Baby Girl Curtis			1	Prematurity
20	Kenneth S. Holmes	30	10	28	Lymphatic leukemia
20	Elizabeth W. Porter	77	1	3	Cerebral hemorrhage
23	Baby girl Allen		1	hour	Premature
27	Francis Bird	55			Massive lobar pneumonia
31	Louise C. Surette	83	9	12	Carcinoma of pancreas
31	Charles Harold Heselton	70	3	5	Congestive failure
June					
2	Harriet L. Cunningham	86	5	23	Carcinoma
2	Kurt Ohnesorge			1	Scleroderma
2	Lloyd Benton Dame	65	10	8	Heart disease
3	Laurence James Ingalls	41	1	28	Heart disease
4	Carlyle Potter Freeman	77	3	15	Metastatic carcinoma
11	James J. Hurley	77	9	8	Complete heart block
15	Anna J. Smith	74	10	29	Cerebral hemorrhage
16	Ethel Agnes (Gates) Horm	67	3	8	Brain tumor
25	Emma L. MacDonald	84	0		Cardio-vascular renal disease
26	Mary A. Donnelly	85	9	26	Myocardial insufficiency
27	Frederick Wylder Merritt, Jr.	20			Fractured skull
July					
2	James Henry Keenan	70			Coronary occlusion
4	Jessie Simpson (Currie)	86	3	10	Broncho pneumonia
5	Edith May Putnam	51	1	28	Cerebral hemorrhage
6	Bruce Hudson Gifford	55	0	6	Carcinoma of pancreas
11	Mabel Viola (Payne)				
	Thompson	71	3	24	Cerebral hemorrhage
14	Mary Edith (Gilliatt) Willis	79	11	17	Cerebral hemorrhage
15	Lillian Mabel Thompson	78	0	3	Carcinoma
15	Elizabeth Jane (Malcolm)	75	2	8	Uraemia
16	Annie (Hinman) Gates	79	0	23	Cerebral vascular accident
14	Nanna Marie (Nilson)				
	Swenson	86	9	4	Acute myocardial failure
18	Hugh L. Blake	75	6	28	Carcinoma
18	Henriette A. (Eames) Killam	82	4	3	Cancer
25	Sylvanus L. Thompson	85	11	15	Fractured left hip
28	Alice Mae (Cox) Union	77	10	23	Cerebral thrombosis
28	Joseph Wright	72	9	20	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
29	James L. McMahon	25	2	29	Nephropathy

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
August					
11	Eva (MacDougall) Brackett	79	0	12	Metastatic carcinoma
12	— Crockett				Stillborn
13	Arthur Walker Higgins	79	3	25	Cerebral hemorrhage
16	Evangeline (MacPhie) Faden	65	7	15	Heart disease
18	Andrew Gallant	81	8	10	Generalized arteriosclerosis
20	Louise O. Francis	83	8	18	Pelvic abscess
22	Elizabeth O'Halloran	61			Cerebral thrombosis
25	Maude Irene Swain	72	11	13	Perforated duodenal ulcer
September					
7	James Francis Bogan	67	6	28	Coronary thrombosis
8	Kenneth Clemons Foster	61	7	0	Cerebral hemorrhage
10	Adelbert H. Carter	97	4	20	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
11	Margaret M. Wall (Kelly)	48		30	Thyroid carcinoma
13	Arthur Ernest Wilson	86	11	16	Pyelocystitis
13	Lillia Bradford Parker	75	4	29	Cerebral hemorrhage
26	Horace W. Fellows	64	2	5	Coronary artery disease
29	Eugene Wilson Wentworth	34	9	7	Fractured skull
30	Henry Francis Bowes	76	2	9	Myocardial infarction
October					
1	— LeBlanc				Stillborn
4	Sarah Jane (Dutton) Hurd	80	9	26	Coronary occlusion
13	Theodore Protas Berle	94	7	6	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
13	Barbara Zimmer	46	3	21	Carcinoma
15	Nellie B. Kinzie	65	8	10	Acute myocardial infarction
16	Margaret McIntyre Vant	85	6	3	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
19	Martha Ewins	69			Staticus asthmaticus
20	George McCullough	52	1	15	Acute coronary thrombosis
22	Henry Rogers (Rossi)	80	8	5	Pulmonary hemorrhage
27	Elizabeth (Lees) Hamilton	84		24	Arteriosclerotic cardio-vascular disease
November					
2	— Burnham	18	hours		Neonatal atelestasis
4	Estelle Deetta Cook	89	10	7	Fractured high hip
4	Mary A. Grant (Ewing)	87	5	23	Bleeding duodenal ulcer
5	Steven David White	2	3	13	Bronchopneumonia
8	Allston Bartol	84	0	1	Heart disease, sudden death
8	Elisabeth Hale	37	8	24	Acute myelogenous leukemia
11	Alice Ann Schmidt	52	7	11	Adeno carcinoma
12	— Ciampa		8 hrs. 15 min.		Prematurity
15	Alice J. Titcomb	89	9	2	Chronic passive congestion

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Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
November					
16	Abbie Leavitt Horrie James	85			Carcinoma pancreas
16	Harriett Jane Kenney	73	2	0	Coronary thrombosis
17	Alma E. Peterson	76	3	17	Hypostatic pneumonia
19	Margarete Bamberg	65	7	26	Cerebral vascular accident
20	Arthur G. H. Pratt	75	7	6	Carcinoma of stomach
21	Rosanna Reed	82	4	7	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
22	James M. Maxwell	84	8	9	Cerebral arteriosclerosis
24	Alfred Norman Opland	55	4	11	Duodenal ulcer
25	Mary Grace Grafton	78			Carcinoma
26	Mary E. Hammond	79	2	27	Myocardial infarction
27	Mary (Connors) O'Brien	84	1	3	Heart disease, sudden death
30	Minnie (Winton) Thorndike	86	0	10	Coronary thrombosis

## December

1	Louis A. Ellis	56	4	1	Status asthmaticus
5	Laura Kopystecka	72			Cerebral hemorrhage
10	Ann Marie Leytham	94	0	28	Arteriosclerotic heart disease
12	Emma Jane Richardson	72	11	13	Coronary thrombosis
21	Minnie Heselton	73	9	24	Chronic congestive failure
24	Adele Lillian Cummings	73	10	1	Cerebral hemorrhage
24	Ethel Eudora Bauer	72	3	26	Heart disease
26	Mamie Prince Farris	78	11	21	Multiple sclerosis
30	Maria Arena	98			Bronchopneumonia
31	Robert Howard Gudger	62	8	6	Sudden death

# DELAYED RECORD OF DEATHS FOR THE YEAR 1955

Date	Name	Y	M	D	Cause of Death
June					
15	Paul Edward Gustafson			3 14	Suffocation
28	Baby Boy Newell				Stillborn
September					
1	John Leo Gillis	47			Accidental drowning
21	Male Eldred				Stillborn
November					
23	Mary Nowell (nee Knight)	85	10	28	Carcinoma



## NOTICE TO PARENTS, HOUSEWIVES, PHYSICIANS AND MID-WIVES

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Your attention is called to the sections below taken from the revised laws. Blank forms for return of birth can be obtained from the Town Clerk.

### **General Laws, Chap. 46, Sec. 3 (Tercentenary Edition)**

#### **(As Amended By Chapter 326, Section One, Acts of 1939)**

Every physician, or hospital medical officer registered under section nine of chapter one hundred and twelve, in this chapter called officer, shall keep a record of the birth of every child in cases of which he was in charge, showing date and place of birth, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, the name, age, birthplace, occupation and residence (including the street number, if any, and the ward number if in a city) of each parent, the maiden name of the mother and the name of the physician or officer, if any, personally attending the birth. If the child is illegitimate, the name of and other facts relating to the father shall not be set forth except upon written request of both the father and mother; provided that if an illegitimate child shall have become legitimate by the intermarriage of his parents and the acknowledgement of his father, as provided in section seven of chapter one hundred and ninety, prior to the mailing or delivery of any report herein required, such report shall read in all respects, as if such child had been born to such parents in lawful wedlock. Said physician or officer shall, within 15 days after such birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the town where such birth occurred, a report stating the facts herein above required to be shown on said record and also the said written request, if any; provided that if said report is not so made within forty-eight hours after such birth, said physician, or officer shall, within said forty-eight hours mail or deliver to said clerk or registrar a notice stating the date and place of the birth, the street number, if any, the ward number, if in a city, and the family name. Upon presentation to him of a certificate of the town clerk stating that any such birth has been duly reported, the town treasurer shall pay to such physician or officer a fee of twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. Any physician or any such officer violating any provision of this section shall forfeit not more than twenty-five dollars. The said town clerk or registrar shall file daily with the local board of health a list of all births reported to him, showing, as to each, the date of birth, sex, color, family name, residence; ward and physician or officer in charge.

Within sixty days after the date of the birth of any child born in the commonwealth with visible congenital deformities, or any condition apparently acquired at birth which may lead to crippling, the physician in attendance upon said births shall prepare upon a form provided by the state department of public health and file with the clerk of the town where such birth occurred a report setting forth such visible

congenital deformity, or any condition apparently acquired at birth which may lead to crippling.

Said clerk shall transmit forthwith to said department such supplementary report of such birth. The contents of such report shall be solely for the use of said department in connection with its functions relative to crippled children, and such report shall not be open to public inspection or constitute a public record.

#### **General Laws, Chap. 46, Sec. 6**

Parents within forty days after the birth of a child, and every householder, within forty days after a birth in his home, shall cause notice thereof to be given to the clerk of the town where such child is born.

#### **General Laws, Chapter 111**

Sections 110 and 111, require physicians, registered hospital medical officers, nurses or other attendants to report at once to the local board of health, every child one or both of whose eyes become inflamed, swollen and red and show an unnatural discharge within two weeks after birth.

## REPORT OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Municipal Building  
Reading, Mass.  
Gentlemen:

The report of the Police Department for 1956 is hereby submitted:

On May 20, John F. Beaudoin was promoted from Sergeant to Lieutenant. On July 29, John L. Power was promoted to Sergeant.

In October 2 regular Patrolmen resigned from this Department, these vacancies were filled in December.

Personnel of the Department consists of 20 regular Patrolmen, 4 Sergeants, 1 Lieutenant and Chief.

Following are the arrests and other services performed:

Misdemeanors .....	125
Felonies .....	9
Total .....	134
Motor Vehicles violations .....	617

### Other Services

Recovered Bicycles .....	24
Value of stolen property recovered .....	\$5,150.00
Ambulance trips .....	231
Automobile accidents investigated .....	140
Miscellaneous complaints investigated .....	168

### Fees Collected and Turned over to Town Treasurer

Ambulance Fees .....	\$1,309.00
Bicycle Plate Fees .....	110.25

### Automotive Equipment

1	1956 Cadillac Ambulance
1	1956 Plymouth Suburban
1	1956 Ford Country Sedan
1	1955 Ford Sedan
1	1954 Ford Sedan

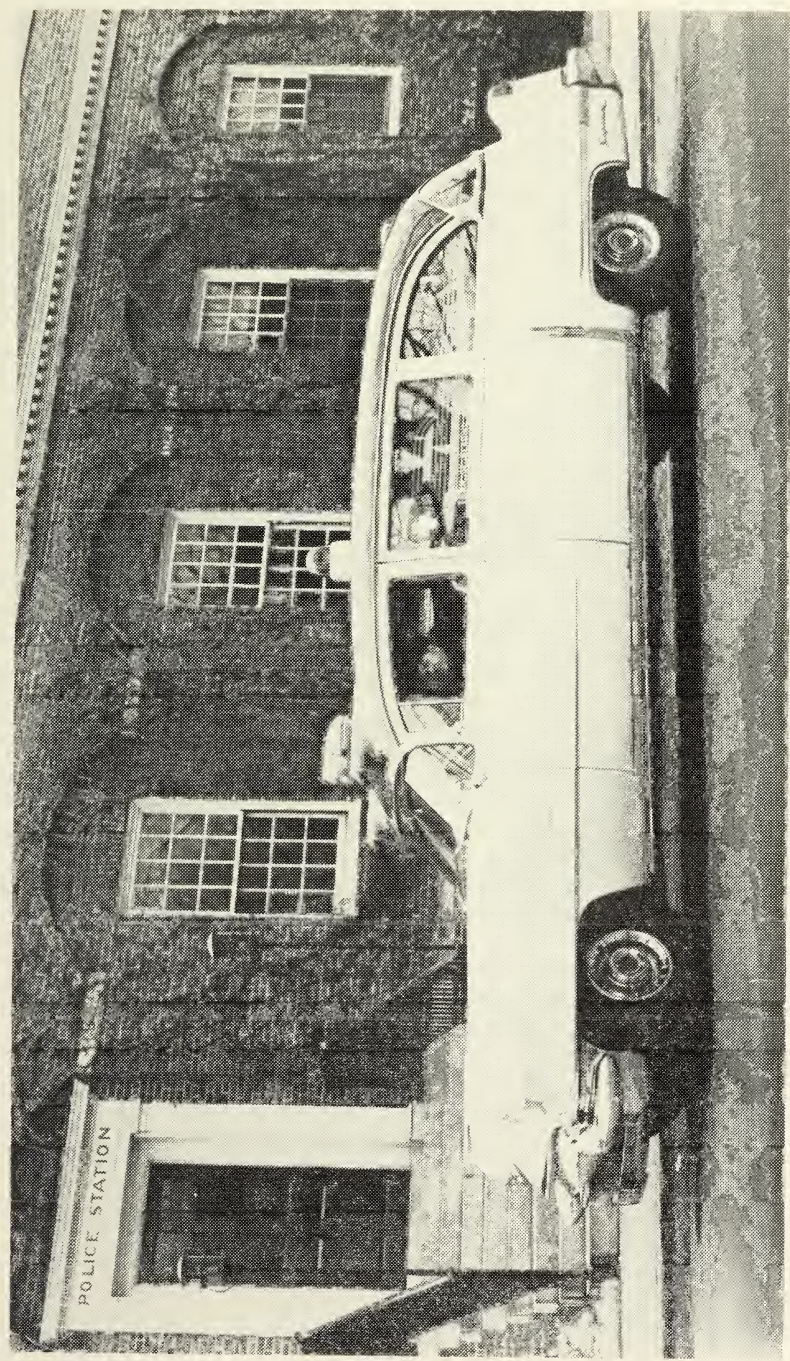
During this year three new Police Call Boxes were added to our signal system. I recommend that we continue to expand our signal system in order to have more patrols by Officers on foot in the heavy populated residential sections.

The Reading Police Reserves again served the Town on many occasions. This Organization numbers 40 uniformed, trained men who served more than 1,000 hours without expense to the Town.

In closing I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen and the members of this Department for their fine co-operation. Thanks also to all the other Town Officials and their Departments for their aid to us in the discharge of our duties.

Respectfully submitted,  
ROLAND E. ELLIS, Chief of Police





Ambulance Purchased 1956 — Reading Police Department





**ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

**OF THE**

**Town of Reading, Massachusetts**

**for the year ended**

**December 31, 1956**

## **ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS**

Philip R. White, Chairman, 189 Summer Ave.	Term expires	1959
Newell H. Morton, 198 Woburn Street	" "	1959
Paul R. Bergholtz, 20 Puritan Road	" "	1958
Barbara Winkler, 52 Pearl Street	" "	1958
Robert E. Turner, 78 Middlesex Avenue	" "	1957
William E. Burpee, 178 Wakefield Street	" "	1957

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RE 2-0180 and RE 2-2384

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## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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To the Citizens of Reading:

The School Committee herewith submits its annual report.

In separate sections the Superintendent of Schools, the Principals and Directors present individual reports which give specific information to the public concerning the schools, their needs, their operation, and especially their cost. In order to avoid duplication of reports, therefore, the School Committee in this general preface wishes to point out certain highlights of accomplishment during the past year and to draw the citizens' attention to certain areas which we feel will continue to present acute problems in the future.

Housing is gradually coming under control although there are still sixth grades scattered all over town — one in the Prospect Street School, three in the High School, four in the Junior High, and not one in an elementary school.

The new Forest Street School is due to open in September and will provide eighteen new rooms for elementary grades. In anticipation of the opening of this new building, the Superintendent and principals have been gradually working out a re-districting of the whole town so that when school opens in September 1957 the town will find itself with new and more up-to-date districts drawn up to take care of the current school population.

Enrollment projections indicate that an addition to the Junior High School will be necessary by 1959 as the increase in our elementary school population reaches the secondary school level. The School Committee will ask for an appropriation for preliminary plans in 1957 so that construction can be started in 1958.

It has been most encouraging to see the citizens of Reading looking ahead to future school building needs and buying property for the housing it is only too obvious we shall be needing soon. The town purchased two such pieces of property during the past year; one off West Street and one off Haverhill Street. Largely responsible for the choice of these locations has been a special committee studying sites for schools and recreation areas. This committee is continuing its study and we can look forward to a realistic and reasonable approach to acquiring land for schools.

The major work on grounds during this past year has been the completion of finish grading of the football field and cinder track, along with the installation of jumping pits in Birch Meadow. Second in size to this project was the partial installation of drainage in the Junior High School football field in an effort to repair the ravages of years of use by the High School football team. In passing, it should perhaps also be noted here that the Eaton School field is going to need a large facelifting for similar reasons since the football team practices there.

The real high light of accomplishment in relation to buildings and

grounds during the past year has been the tremendous gain made in maintenance under the direction of Mr. Macdonald. Our buildings and grounds represent an enormous investment of tax money, and keeping them in proper condition requires much planning besides a practical, down-to-earth approach to getting the work done. Great strides have been made forward but more thought must be given to these problems in the future. Without doubt additional personnel will be needed if we hope to keep up our plant. In the long run, skimping on maintenance costs offers a questionable means of economizing.

Many times the School Committee members express regret that in handling such immediate and practical questions as bus schedules, cafeteria accounts, and so on, they have little time to devote to curriculum. The staff, however, are constantly re-examining curriculum and report significant accomplishments. For instance, the principals and teachers have been studying the arithmetic course in the elementary schools. They feel that they have just about completed outlining and putting into effect what they consider desirable revisions. Our testing program seems to indicate that the next subject to receive concentrated attention should probably be language. While the children test above average in this subject, they show a wide range — a greater spread in scores than is desirable. For this reason the staff feels that this is the subject which should receive special study with an eye to probable future revision.

Before leaving the discussion of curriculum in general, it should be mentioned that the town voted to establish courses in adult education under the State Extension Program. This program will call for organization if it is to be put into effect in 1957. There will be a need for additional personnel as well as certain adjustments in building maintenance.

We come to our biggest problem last; the one that transcends buildings and maintenance, buses, school lunches, and all the other "businesses" which the School Committee finds itself operating. This, in a word, is **teachers**, the real backbone of our system, the people who give Reading schools the reputation they have. The nationwide scarcity of classroom teachers has precipitated a mad scramble for qualified personnel and Reading is scrambling along with every other town trying to maintain its competitive position with other similar communities in this area. There is no question that salaries are basic to the eventual solution of this problem.

The special highlight of accomplishment in this connection during this past year was the formation of a joint committee to study the problem of teachers' salaries and to present facts which might be useful in preparing the 1957 budget. The teachers requested the formation of the special committee which was made up of four teachers, three members of the Finance Committee and three members of the School Committee. This group was not to bring in recommendations but was to act strictly in a fact-finding capacity. It was felt desirable to have members of each group concerned in possession of the same facts and figures in discussing the 1957 budget. Interpretation and

use of the facts and figures beyond that point would lie with the individual groups. The committee met regularly and often all fall and gathered much pertinent and useful information which was compiled in a preliminary report. An inevitable and voluble by-product of these committee meetings was the increase in mutual understanding among the individuals representing the different groups. It is hoped that a similar committee will go on to study the problem on a long range basis. For years to come this is going to be the major problem confronting all people connected with schools. How Reading solves this problem will be peculiar to Reading. At times it seems almost to defy solution but we cannot sit back in Reading and wait for some other town to come up with the answers. We still must follow our basic policy "How can we best educate all the children in Reading?".

Respectfully submitted,

PHILIP R. WHITE, Chairman

PAUL R. BERGHOLTZ

WILLIAM E. BURPEE

NEWELL H. MORTON

ROBERT E. TURNER

BARBARA WINKLER



# SCHOOL COMMITTEE BUDGET — 1956

Appropriations, Transfers & Refunds 1956		Expended 1956
<b>SALARIES:</b>		
\$ 36,046.66	Supt., Clerks and Enf. of Law .....	\$ 35,125.60
26,450.00	Directors .....	26,450.00
840.00	Misc. Salaries of Instruction .....	840.00
28,633.30	Principals .....	28,950.04
545,046.06	Teachers .....	541,032.57
73,099.79	Custodians and Matrons .....	72,744.31
9,969.80	Health .....	10,124.10
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\$720,085.61		\$715,266.62
<b>MAINTENANCE:</b>		
\$ 1,000.00	Supt. Office Expense .....	\$ 631.74
300.00	Research and Prof. Study .....	348.00
600.00	Printing .....	626.00
400.00	Travel Expenses .....	215.96
750.00	Prin. Office Expense .....	504.41
3,200.00	Telephone .....	3,023.00
150.00	Travel Expense — Enf. of Law .....	150.00
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\$ 6,400.00	Total General Control .....	\$ 5,499.11
<b>INSTRUCTION:</b>		
\$ 800.00	Travel Expense of Directors .....	\$ 845.09
12,700.00	Textbooks and Supplementary Books .....	12,635.10
11,500.00	Supplies — School .....	11,101.81
2,500.00	Supplies — Shop .....	2,514.60
1,000.00	Supplies — Dom. Science .....	740.97
2,545.00	Audio — Visual .....	2,135.63
2,000.00	Physical Ed Equipment .....	879.01
1,100.00	Tests .....	1,019.46
3,935.90	Instructional Apparatus .....	3,376.65
250.00	Express Charges .....	79.85
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\$ 38,330.90	Total Instruction .....	\$ 35,328.17

**OPERATION OF PLANT:**

\$ 22,000.00	Fuel .....	\$ 21,159.68
2,000.00	Water and Sewer .....	1,591.72
10,000.00	Electricity .....	11,876.30
500.00	Gas .....	487.48
500.00	Laundry and Summer Cleaning .....	187.48
600.00	Ash Removal .....	699.50
400.00	Exp. of Supr. of Bldgs. and Grounds .....	410.47
7,000.00	Janitors Supplies .....	5,588.73
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\$ 43,000.00	Total Operation of Plant .....	\$ 42,001.36

**MAINTENANCE OF PLANT:**

\$ 7,278.00	Grounds .....	\$ 7,418.62
15,497.00	Buildings .....	16,554.39
435.00	Service System .....	316.64
2,305.00	Plumbing and Heating .....	2,987.18
410.00	Furniture Repair .....	746.41
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\$ 25,925.00	Total Maintenance of Plant .....	\$ 28,023.24

**AUXILIARY AGENCIES:**

\$ 2,500.00	Library .....	\$ 2,263.40
600.00	Health Expenses .....	493.87
400.00	Commencement .....	357.81
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\$ 3,500.00	Total Auxiliary Agencies .....	\$ 3,115.08

**CAPITAL OUTLAY:**

\$ 1,303.30	New Equipment and Furniture .....	\$ 2,988.44
\$118,459.20	Total General Maintenance	
1,500.00	Transferred to Transportation	
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\$116,959.20		\$116,955.40
720,085.61	Total Salaries .....	715,266.62
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\$837,044.81	Grand Total .....	\$832,222.02
25,000.00	Transportation	
1,500.00	Transferred from Gen'l Main.	
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26,500.00		26,481.13
3,000.00	Vocational Tuition .....	2,848.90
8,000.00	Athletic Account .....	8,000.00
2,500.00	Cafeteria Account .....	2,500.00
4.25	Highland School Boiler .....	0.00

# **READING SCHOOL COMMITTEE — 1957**

**Receipts not from Tax Levy — Showing Net Cost to Town**

**January 2, 1957**

<b>Estimate 1957</b>	<b>1956</b>
Appropriation Credits	
\$938,467.62	
	<b>GENERAL ACCOUNT</b>
	Total Expenditures (less transportation) ..... \$832,222.02
	Receipts:
\$136,666.70	State Reimbursement (estimate) ..... \$129,581.71
33,000.00	Tuition ..... 48,251.43
3,000.00	Tuition — other ..... 3,171.48
2,200.00	Mentally Retarded
1,000.00	Sundry ..... 752.54
175,866.70	
\$762,600.92	Net Cost to Town ..... \$650,464.86
	<b>VOCATIONAL TUITION</b>
\$ 3,000.00	Total Expenditures ..... \$ 2,848.90
	Receipts:
1,500.00	State Reimbursement ..... 1,632.83
\$ 1,500.00	Net Cost to Town ..... \$ 1,216.07
	<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>
\$ 30,800.00	Total Expenditures ..... \$ 26,481.13
	Receipts:
1,000.00	State Reimbursement
\$ 29,800.00	Net Cost to Town ..... \$ 26,481.13

## REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and Citizens of Reading:

I herewith submit my report as Superintendent of Schools for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1956, it being the sixty-fourth in a series of such reports.

### Enrollment

The enrollment of the public schools as of October 1, 1956, was 3489 which included 106 pupils from North Reading attending the Senior High School. This represents an increase of 157 over the enrollment of the previous year. As predicted in previous enrollment projections, the elementary schools were 8 classrooms over capacity which made it necessary to house all sixth grade pupils, with the exception of one group, in the Junior and Senior High School building. With the opening of the new Forest Street School in September 1957, all pupils in grades one through six will be housed in buildings accommodating only elementary school pupils. To accomplish this, it will be necessary to set up new district lines, organize new transportation routes, and continue the use of the Lowell Street School for pupils in grades one through four.

Bids for the Forest Street School were opened on July 26, 1956, the low bidder being J. F. Rand & Son, General Contractor, of 67 Sudbury Street, Boston. The contract was awarded to this firm on August 9, 1956, and satisfactory progress has been made to date in the construction of this 18-room building. The general contractor has assured us that the school will be ready to open in September 1957 unless any unforeseen emergencies and delays occur.

### Staff

Turnover in the personnel of our teaching staff, and the necessity of securing additional teachers for an expanding school population presents a serious recruiting problem for the administration staff. The following analysis of our turnover in staff for the past five years indicates the problem:

#### Analysis of Turnover Figures

						Totals
Reasons for Leaving	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	'52-'56
To other systems .....	5	9	9	15	11	49
Left teaching .....	4	11	6	7	10	38
Retired .....	2	1	2	0	0	5
Military Service .....	0	0	0	1	2	3
Leave of absence .....	0	0	0	0	1	1
Deceased .....	0	0	0	2	0	2
Not reappointed .....	1	0	0	0	0	1
Other .....	0	2	0	0	0	2
Additional personnel for increased enrollment .....	0	2	16	5	6	29
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	12	25	33	30	30	130

As the supply of qualified teachers continues to dwindle in the face of a continued increase in school population, the number one problem facing public education is and will continue to be the staffing of our schools. The problem here in Reading will be no less acute than the one facing thousands of communities across the nation. In general, the public seems aware of the situation and neighboring communities, as well as those throughout the country are making positive efforts to improve salaries for teachers as one way of improving the situation. However, no matter what is done, there will continue to be a great shortage of teachers. It, therefore, becomes a matter of supply and demand, and the highest bidder in most cases will likely secure the best product. There are several factors that attract a teacher to a certain school system, but certainly in these times of high living costs, salary is vital.

In order to determine the facts relating to our salary situation here locally, the School Committee initiated the organization of a study group composed of three members of the School Committee, three members of the Finance Committee and four teachers selected by the Reading Teachers Club. This committee worked diligently for a period of six weeks and submitted a report of their findings on November 12th. This group was strictly a fact-finding committee but the report does list certain conclusions reached by the group after their study. These conclusions are quoted as follows:

1. "Present minimum and maximum salaries of the salary schedule now in force appear to be out of line with those of other comparable towns."

2. "Turnover in personnel does not appear to be out of line on the basis of comparative situations."

3. "The ratio of male to female teachers in the Reading schools, although it has decreased, is on a par with that of the state as a whole."

4. "Consideration should be given in the future to adjusting the salaries of teachers already on the staff whenever the salary schedule is changed."

5. "Budget plans for 1957 should not be compared only with salary schedules for 1956, as communities all over the state are also studying the question and are expected to make changes in their salary schedules."

6. "Many communities all over the state and nation are studying the question of teachers' salaries. This committee has had no time to consider the various new plans for teachers' salaries now being adopted elsewhere. Therefore, it would appear that a continuing study should be made by this committee or a similar committee."

If the last suggestion of this fact-finding committee is followed, then such a committee would examine the present Reading salary schedule from every angle. It would look into what other communities are doing to attract and to hold teachers in the classrooms, and would attempt to find the answers to such questions as these:

Is our present traditional salary schedule which starts with a minimum for a beginning teacher without experience, and progresses by



regular annual increases (usually automatic) to a maximum salary in 11 years, adequate to attract and hold qualified teachers in Reading?

Is our maximum salary a limiting factor in our bargaining ability? Are there other limiting factors? Should we provide greater salary increases for our career teachers or teachers who have served in Reading for six years or more? Should our salary schedule make provision for rewarding competent and outstanding teachers on the so called basis of merit? If so, how should it be administered? Who would evaluate the individual teacher to determine salary increase based on competence? Should teachers be hired on a 12-month basis to conduct summer sessions, work on special curriculum committees and study groups?

Finally, any suggestions which involve increases in our school budget must be reconciled with an estimate of how much money Reading citizens are able and willing to pay for the education of their children. A growing community has many problems to solve and many demands for a large share of the tax dollar from all the various departments which provide the variety of services which citizens want continued and enlarged. Certainly the School Department is engaged in very important business. There seems no rebuttal for this statement. Whatever the schools are able to accomplish in the way of providing the type of education that Reading citizens seem to demand for their children will depend entirely on the ability, qualifications, and devoted service of the teachers in the classrooms. To secure and retain the services of a competent people who staff our schools must be our first concern. It is recognized that this problem has many facets, certainly not the least of which is adequate monetary return for services rendered.

During the past two years 60% of the teachers hired to fill vacancies on our staff have been young people without previous teaching experience. Working each year with a larger number of inexperienced teachers has placed an additional burden on the principals and supervisors in our various schools. The early closing days on the basis of one afternoon every other week have provided some time for instituting programs for in-service training for new teachers. Although the principal is generally regarded as the chief supervisory officer in his school, in many cases the problems have become too difficult for the principals to cope with alone. It is a tribute to many of our experienced teachers that they have been willing to share the responsibility of helping our beginning teachers solve the many problems that face young people as they take over for the first time the instruction of children in the classroom situation. As the result of the efforts of principals, supervisors, and our experienced teachers, it is gratifying to report that our new teachers seem to be making excellent progress in mastering those methods and techniques which are necessary for effective classroom instruction and control.

### **Adult Education**

For several years an increasingly large number of citizens have enrolled in Practical Arts courses held in the evenings in the schools of surrounding communities. These courses are sponsored by the Division of Vocational Education of the State Department of Education,

classes for adults. Reading is required by law to pay the tuition costs for all residents of the town who wish to take advantage of the evening school courses in Practical Arts. The local Y.M.C.A. has carried on a limited program of adult education for several years using the facilities of the Junior High School building, employing qualified teachers, and charging a modest tuition fee designed to pay the salaries of persons employed to carry on the instruction in the classes.

In October the School Committee received a petition signed by approximately 375 residents of the town requesting that a program of adult education in Practical Arts be established in Reading. In order to establish these courses, which are under the direction of the State Department of Education, it was necessary for the School Committee to secure permission from the town to set up this program. Accordingly, an article was placed in the warrant for the special town meeting held on November 19th. At this meeting the town meeting members voted to accept the program and authorized the School Committee to take the necessary steps to establish those courses in Practical Arts which come within the provisions of the laws governing this program of adult education.

At the regular town meeting in March the School Committee will ask the town to appropriate the necessary funds to establish courses in Practical Arts to start in the Fall of 1957. These courses are usually held once a week for a period of twenty weeks.

### **Maintenance of School Plant and Grounds**

The citizens of Reading now have a sizable investment in property and school plant which must be maintained and kept in good repair under the direction of the School Committee.

Mr. Roderick Macdonald, who for many years has been a teacher and director of our program of Industrial Arts in the secondary schools, was appointed by the School Committee in November 1955 to assume the responsibility for the supervision and direction of the work in connection with the upkeep, repairs and maintenance of all our school grounds, buildings and facilities. Under his able leadership the custodians of our schools are doing excellent work in the care and maintenance of our school property.

During the past year the following items of major importance have been completed:

**Senior High School.** Locker room benches built and installed in boys' locker room. Gym equipment, including bars, rings, scoreboard, etc., mounted and installed in new high school gymnasium. Blackboards and bulletin boards installed in various classrooms. Traverse rods and curtains installed in 18 classrooms.

**Junior High School.** New floors laid in metal shop and mechanical drawing room. Gymnasium, office and 7 classrooms repainted. Drainage was provided for football field and lower playground, within limits of the \$4,500.00 appropriation for this purpose.

**Joshua Eaton School.** All outside doors and locks repaired. Replaced roof flashing over proscenium arch of auditorium to stop leaks. Pointed up stone retaining wall at rear of playground area. Remounted

compressor and partially repaired and serviced all Minneapolis-Hunnewell heating controls. Waterproofed area around tower to stop leaks. Hot-topped limited area of playground. Painted outside trim of building, rear wall of auditorium, and 3 classrooms.

**Highland School.** New fire escape door, and steps replaced for one exit from fire escape tower. New copper flashing on one tower and valley. Incinerator installed in old coal bin. Wall and fire door provided for safety in boiler room. Hottop for playground within limits of budget. Painted two classrooms and ceiling of cafeteria.

**Pearl Street School.** New audio-visual blinds for windows of auditorium. New asphalt tile floors for two classrooms. Cafeteria enlarged and new storage room built. 14 formica top cafeteria tables purchased and installed. All gymnasium windows provided with iron grilles.

**Prospect Street School.** Half of roof reshingled. Cellar entrance roof and door repaired. Hottop for the grounds within limits of budget. Fire escape scraped and repainted.

**Lowell Street School.** Additional fences and gate installed for playground. One-half of roof shingled.

All curtains in the auditorium of all schools were flameproofed to meet safety regulations, and new tools and special equipment for maintenance work have been provided for the custodians of the various schools within the limits of our maintenance budget.

Our school grounds and buildings are used extensively to service the activities of an increasingly large number of groups which sponsor programs of a social, recreational or educational nature. This is as it should be. It means that the citizens of the Town are getting a larger return on their investment in their school plant. However, the use of our school grounds and buildings for purposes other than those required by the schools adds considerably to the cost and work of those who labor to keep all of our school facilities clean, in good repair, and with a minimum amount of depreciation.

Our school playgrounds have deteriorated considerably over a period of years for several reasons. The School Department has attempted to take care of all school grounds and playfields using the help of the custodians of the various schools to mow the grass, trim the shrubs and maintain the various areas on a limited amount of money. At present we simply do not have sufficient help, funds, or knowledge to do the job. Furthermore, since the school playgrounds are in constant use throughout the year by schools, Little League teams, recreational groups, and others, it is not possible to set up any program to recondition those playgrounds such as the one at the Joshua Eaton School which now needs extensive repairs. This whole problem of the care and maintenance of our school playgrounds and playfields needs careful study. To properly provide for the enlarged program of sports and outdoor recreational activities of the Town, many playfields and all **our facilities** are necessary. This has become an extensive and expensive operation.

During the past year the contract for rough grading of the Birch Meadow area and the finished grading of the football field was com-

pleted. The football field area and track facilities are ready to be used this spring but the field will not be used for football practice purposes in the fall, nor can it be used for games until some provision is made to fence in the field and provide stands for seating purposes. Our home football games will continue to be played at the Junior High School field and until an additional area at Birch Meadow is graded, loamed and seeded to provide for practice fields for our football team, it will be necessary to transport the boys of the football squad to the Joshua Eaton School for their daily practice periods. Eventually it will be necessary to repair and re-condition this field at considerable expense.

The playfield at the Junior High School has improved considerably since the drainage system was installed this summer. It will continue to serve the pupils of the Junior High School and as a field to play the home football games scheduled for our freshman, junior varsity and varsity teams until facilities are available at the Senior High School. This field needs a certain amount of grading, loaming and re-seeding to bring it to a point where it can be properly maintained.

The playground at the Highland School has deteriorated over a period of years due to wear and erosion caused by wind and rain. It has been recommended that the entire area be hottopped as the most satisfactory and economical method of maintaining this play area. The playground areas at the Pearl Street School also need considerable repair, fertilizing and care.

To summarize the work of the schools during the past year, I refer you to the reports submitted by the Principals, the Director of Guidance, the Director of Music, and the Director of Health.

The schools of Reading continue to receive the generous and loyal support of the parents and citizens of the community. There is active and wide participation in all the various Parent-Teacher Associations. For those of us who work in the School Department, this help, interest and cooperation is deeply appreciated. The efficient operation of any institution depends upon the intelligent efforts and devoted service of people who are happy in their work. Therefore, whatever success the School Department has achieved during the past year is due to the hard work of those who teach, assisted by principals, directors, supervisors, secretaries, custodians and matrons, and cafeteria employees. This total effort and teamwork is sincerely appreciated.

No one is in a better position than I to evaluate the service of the six people who cooperate and work so effectively together in behalf of the interests of our children in the schools. I refer, of course, to the members of the School Committee. To them I gratefully express my sincere appreciation for their help, support and intelligent advice in the important enterprise of giving direction to the education of more than three thousand Reading children.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT F. PERRY,  
Superintendent of Schools



## REPORT OF THE HEADMASTER OF THE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

The past three years have been eventful ones in the educational history of our town. It is abundantly clear that Reading has in many practical ways expressed its interest in the higher educational desires of her children. The new High School alone is evidence of this, and the further evidence is shown by the fact that the townspeople are willing to keep salaries for teachers on a reasonably decent level and are looking for ways and means to raise this level so that good teachers may be retained and vacancies in the teaching staff filled with good teachers.

In its broadest sense, education for the children and adults is of the highest importance in a democracy. A people in a democracy who are not trained to think for themselves and by themselves are headed for trouble. Nothing is more important than to develop the body, intellect, and soul of our children. We have a fine modern building, much modern apparatus for teaching, excellent texts, and excellent teachers. But only when the community, school, and home climate are conducive to study, hard study on the part of the pupils, will the Town reap the full benefits of their investment.

Our pupils are subjected to many pressures outside of school. Social, economic, athletic, out-of-school activities, take up much of the waking hours of the modern school pupil. Unless the community as a whole, much as the isolated community of a fine private school, sets the pattern for scholastic accomplishment first and other worth-while activities second, the school is almost helpless to give the community the end results demanded with relation to the maximum learning a pupil could receive. Only through struggle, perseverance, self-denial, and at times sacrifice, can anything worth while and enduring to the individual be accomplished.

I submit that the chief job of the teachers is to teach, and the chief job of the pupil is to learn during his entire life but more especially during his formative years. Man survives in this modern world only as he grasps and can communicate to others the heritage of the past in its various forms of language, mathematics, science and history. Just as the grade schools are committed to teaching the fundamentals in these subjects, so the secondary school is committed to carry the fundamentals on to a higher level of accomplishment.

Continuing this report for the school year 1955-56 I shall try to point up some of the general school problems as I see them. I hope I may be forgiven if I stray from the more narrow path of the usual statistical and laudatory type of report. I also humbly submit some suggestions which I feel would bring about better education for the boys and girls in Reading.

At this point I would like to quote from the University of Massachusetts Foreign Language Bulletin which states in part:

ANGELO PATRI, eminent child psychologist said on 10 February 1956: "Modern communication has brought foreign countries not only to our door but through it, and it has become necessary for us to talk the languages of those peoples. . . We must, if we wish to keep our



leadership in the world of business, friendship, diplomacy, become a people of at least 2 languages, 3 if possible. . . In many of our schools Foreign Languages are not touched until the student enters the secondary school. That is too late. Children learn languages best during their early years, when their language-learning power is at its peak. At adolescence the speech mechanism is well set and it is not too easy then to learn the right accent, a very important element in the learning. . . One point ought to be accented in schools. During the language lesson, only the language under study be used by the teacher and the class."

In our school only the language taught is used in class for the most part.

For a number of years I have suggested that we put more emphasis on the second language for more of our high school pupils. To quote again:

"RUSSIAN. The Soviet Union has 16 autonomous republics and a number of autonomous regions, national areas, and districts and, in each of these 1 of about 200 different mother tongues is the medium of instruction in schools. The "Great Russians" or Russian-speaking population account for only 37 percent of the Union, but Russian is introduced to the other 63 percent as a **second language** studied intensively together with the vernacular. Thus, the children of all Soviet nationalities are able normally to speak, read, and write Russian by the end of their elementary school training."

The Russians are out to capture world trade and more. This requires salesmen of high calibre who know foreign languages. We must watch this to survive in many world areas.

Throughout the country there is an ever increasing demand for at least a second language for all our future citizens. I would suggest that a language — French or German — and in my opinion preferably German because of the regularity of the language, be introduced via the direct method at least in the 7th grade, or below, and that a course of study ranging from this grade through the 12th grade be adopted and supervised by the head of the language department in the high school. The reason I suggest the head of the department in the high school is not because I feel that our teachers are better teachers but because the high school is ultimately responsible for the final outcome of the several so-called college preparatory subjects. In reality, these subjects are becoming the common denominator by which our future high school graduates will be judged, whether they go to college or not. The supervision above noted is with respect to content and achievement, rather than the method.

I suggest a study of this question be made by interested teachers and administrators. There are several communities not too far from Reading which have introduced foreign language in their schools below the high school level. The program merits thorough investigation and the results might prove beneficial. I further recommend that we introduce German into our curriculum in September 1957.

That the pupils who graduate from the Reading High School have received a good standard education is evident to anybody who will

study the progress of these graduates. We have little or no difficulty in getting our college course graduates into the better colleges. Our commercial graduates are eagerly sought for by the substantial business establishments in and around Boston. We have no difficulty in getting our graduates accepted for nurse's training in the better hospitals.

New England, New York, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey high schools are in a strongly competitive position with the fine private schools of the East. That is one of the reasons why, by and large, the product of these schools of these states is good. Also the job preparation requirements in these states are, according to leading business authorities, the highest in the country. This applies to the technical, clerical, intellectual requirements of the individual applying for a substantial position. We must continue to meet these requirements.

A strong foundation for a good education was laid in Reading long before the writer came to Reading. Through the years up to the present, with perhaps temporary lapses, those in administrative positions and in control of the schools have worked hard to maintain and improve these high standards from the first grade through the twelfth grade. In the Reading High School our philosophy is: not quantity, but quality, and to this end we like to have our students carry perhaps fewer subjects but study them for a longer time and carry these subjects on to a higher level.

### **Mathematics**

The national crisis in the technical manpower supply is acknowledged by all. It is, therefore, not news to say that mathematics training is more important for everyone now than at any other period in history. Nor is it necessary to state that as the need for technicians increased, mathematics was deemphasized in many high school curricula. Commission after commission which has studied this problem are greatly concerned and all agree that a definite technical manpower shortage will continue for many years, primarily because too few high school students are preparing for the technical professions.

While we submit that all mathematics should be usable, we have not allowed ourselves to be misled by this now retreating school of thought in mathematics education which has all but wrecked the mathematics education in the United States and is now causing a dire shortage of trained manpower in industry. Instead of following this pattern, the mathematics department has carefully differentiated between those students preparing for college and the non-college groups.

First of all, any high school today must provide mathematics instruction for all. It must offer rigid and complete courses for those desiring technical education in advanced institutions. There must be general courses which will provide skill in mathematics for those entering business and industry after graduation from high school. An opportunity for remedial instruction for the slow learner is demanded along with the accelerated course for the brilliant student. This is the philosophy which we have followed in building our Reading High School mathematics curriculum.

There are three tracks along which a pupil may travel in his courses of study. All students must take two years of mathematics to fulfill

graduation requirements. No crossover is permitted from one track to another if the sole purpose is to obtain grades easier. In all crossovers, ability and ultimate goal are considered first. In the freshman year all are required to register for Algebra or Refresher Arithmetic. In the sophomore year that student chooses Practical Mathematics, Bookkeeping I, or Geometry. In the junior year a pupil may drop mathematics, since he has fulfilled the two-year requirement for a diploma, or he may continue into Advanced Practical Mathematics, Advanced Algebra, or Advanced Bookkeeping. In the senior year Trigonometry and Solid Geometry complete the requirements for college entrance into engineering and technical institutions beyond high school. In all courses the minimum essentials are thorough and rigid.

The accelerated course, for bright students and those intending to matriculate into scientific and engineering institutions beyond high school, is called CP3. This course has had over the years a peak of 35 and a minimum of 15 seniors and they meet twice weekly. The material studied is a preview of approximately two-thirds of the material studied in the freshman year of mathematics in any college. This course had its origin at the Reading High School about 25 years ago and has been highly commended by college admission officers.

The teachers in our mathematics department as in other departments of the Reading High School have kept abreast of the times; in fact, have anticipated the needs of society in developing programs of study.

### Science

A large proportion of our Reading children are entering upon and continuing through the period of secondary education. On this level opportunity is afforded for increasingly intensified and enlarged study of educational materials that are deemed fundamental to the welfare of the individual and of the race. The work of the secondary school should be consciously molded so as to provide the continued enlargement and enrichment of the work which has its beginning in the curriculum of the elementary school. Mental growth is gradual. In the senior high school there is opportunity for exploration within special fields, which in some cases may lead to beginnings in specialization.

Biology is the field for the special study of living things, while the physical sciences offer a field for the study of energy and its manifestations through inorganic matter. In our school the sciences are taught under two schemes for different objectives. Biology B, Pre-Induction Physics, and Earth Science are on a more general and less specialized level. Biology A, Chemistry, Physics, and Anatomy are taught on a more specialized and less general level.

Earth Science, introduced two years ago, is proving to be a popular course, of great interest to the pupils. The two-year-old Anatomy course falls into this same category and besides, it prepares the way for specialization in the field of hygiene, nursing, physical education, and even perhaps medicine.

That the beginning of specialization may take place in the secondary school can be amply supported by results of our pupils in college. Through the generalized courses in science enough material is offered

not only for the pupil to understand the phenomena of science but also to attain some real appreciation of the scientific method and some appreciation of scientific attitude.

Our science teachers have for a number of years come to the realization that there is no escape from the social and economic effects of modern science. Science and human interpretation of science are inseparable. Thus the general courses of science help meet the needs of many of our pupils. However, strong courses in physics, chemistry, and biology as specialized fields must be maintained if Reading is to do its share in the national effort to develop future scientists for the development of our industry and the protection of our country. All of our graduates do well in college sciences and many now hold responsible positions in industrial science and in the armed services' effort to make our land more safe through science.

### **English**

The English Course is planned to help students to write and speak clear, idiomatic English; to understand as fully as possible what they read; to increase their understanding of men and society through knowledge of the best English and American literature; and to find enduring pleasure in reading good books.

Since we have in our school many kinds of pupils, all of whom are required to study English, the teachers have made a serious and, I believe, successful effort to help meet the problems thus created. Preparation for college, while still recognized as an important element in our school program for many pupils, has for several years assumed its proper place; and the education of all pupils — the college-preparatory, the general, the slow — is given equal emphasis in the program. Thus we offer courses in three broad levels. In the lower level the fundamentals basic to good citizenship and to the interests of the pupil are taught on what amounts to two or three tracks. Our program results, we believe, in more homogenous classes with opportunity for differentiated programs of study.

Since the responsibility for teaching reading does not stop with the grades of the elementary school, we make an effort to help the poor reader as much as possible. Eventually a teacher for remedial reading should be engaged for the high school, since the number of non-readers seems to be on the increase.

### **Social Studies**

This field of education carries on where the 8th grade leaves off. Society supports schools primarily to train youth for constructive participation in the life of the community, the nation, and the world. The satisfactory product of our school should be an active, intelligent citizen, a self-reliant and cooperative member of our society, and one which holds a firm belief in our form of government. It is toward this end that our Social Studies courses are planned.

A study of community and state government for a half year, followed by a half year of human geography, is required of all 9th grade pupils. Beyond this, the only other social study requirement for graduation is United States History. To avoid duplication, little time is spent with United States History events before the industrial



revolution. The discovery of America, Early Colonial days, and the Westward expansion are covered in the elementary and junior high grades, thus duplication is avoided to a large degree. Since the course in United States History is taught in our school through the unit plan, stress and focus of attention can be shifted from time to time onto those aspects of current affairs which are most pronounced. In addition current affairs are a regularly scheduled part of each course. In this way history becomes a living thing of importance to the students' immediate and future interests. Of course, basic concepts form the backbone of the course.

For those students who desire a deeper knowledge of history, three additional courses are offered, namely Ancient, Modern European, and World History. In history, as in our other courses, the offerings are such as to make sure that each student acquires at least a minimum degree of understanding in the various fields of human knowledge, behavior, ethical standards, and general knowledge, while those who have the intelligence, desire, and intellectual curiosity will find advanced courses to satisfy their needs.

### **Commercial**

There are many pupils in school today who are not headed toward college, and justly so. Many of our brighter pupils have determined that they want to go into commercial work. To help these pupils prepare more fully for their chosen careers we have a strong commercial course so-called because these pupils include typewriting, stenography, and bookkeeping in their four-year course. What is more important, these students get not a mere smattering of these subjects but rather at least two, and in many cases three, consecutive years of these commercial subjects. But this is not all. These students are in most cases taking the same strong mathematics, English, history, foreign language, and science courses that the college pupils take. They receive a well-rounded education besides specific commercial training. Provisions in other subjects such as English, mathematics, history and science are made for the pupil who will probably do mere routine office work.

### **Industrial Arts**

Our shop program is manned by a very efficient, interested, and intelligent staff of instructors. At present no attempt is made to develop specialists. Our objectives in industrial art instruction are much broader than those of vocational training. We hope the outcome for the pupils will be of significant personal-social adjustment. Our pupils work in the various shops and gain general experience and manual dexterity in working with all kinds of material. There will be a lively demand for those pupils trained in our shop in the ever increasing industrial plants featuring light industry now locating in the immediate borders of our town. If we are to take full advantage of our five fine shops, we should increase our shop teaching staff from three full-time instructors to five.

### **Home Economics**

Home Economics courses have for their general aim the improvement of home life by developing among pupils desirable appreciations



and understandings of the significance of family life. Certain knowledges and skills are likewise useful in this respect. The attainment of this objective eliminates one of the chief causes of personal and social maladjustment. Instruction in home economics thus assists directly in one of the most significant yet difficult aspects of guidance. The informality of the laboratory work and the necessity for cooperative effort in the performance of many of the tasks provide valuable experience in social living. Special interests may, and often do, grow out of home economics activities. In a study of foods, a girl may develop an interest in the work of the dietitian or researcher in food chemistry. The work in a unit on dressmaking may lead to an interest in the vocation of costume designing. It is hoped that various aspects of the course in home economics will arouse a genuine and intelligent interest in one of the greatest of all vocations for women — house-keeping. It is in this direction that our relatively new home economics program is developing.

### **Athletics**

Athletics take a prominent part in the Reading High School life and townspeople maintain a keen interest in the success of the school athletic teams. Within the past year there has been a reorganization in the duties of the teacher personnel connected with intra-mural and interscholastic athletics. This has made for better direction and more efficiency. Care is used by the administration to so organize all our extracurricular activities that the "tail does not wag the dog", or, in other words, extracurricular activities are not allowed to take more than their proper share of the pupil's time to the detriment of his scholastic effort. Our teams have been well coached and have the healthy respect of our opponents. They have won their share of games. Physical fitness, health, and sportsmanship is stressed.

### **Art**

The classes in the Reading High School have gone beyond the limited usefulness of skill training and the class work is not restricted to drawing and painting. Instead, the teacher has the pupils use the opportunity during art classes for student self-expression and avenues are opened to develop observation and imagination. There are three directions in which our Art program is expanded. They are in the matter of (1) enjoyment and appreciation, (2) knowledge and information, and (3) creation and expression. An effort is made to develop a sensible balance between these three concepts of art education. The pupils work in all sorts of materials. The art work is not restricted to the classroom but flows over into the entire world of the pupil. "Enjoyment of beauty wherever found" is the basic philosophy. This includes Art of the past, present, and future; practical or fine, secular or religious.

The Art department, rather than following the formal class approach, is conceived along the lines of the "work shop." It is to be hoped that in the near future more pupils may be encouraged to participate in this worthwhile learning process, not only for diploma credit but for sheer enjoyment of self-expression.

## **Yearbook**

For the third year in succession the Reading High School yearbook, PIONEER, has won a first-place award in the yearbook contest conducted annually by the Columbia Scholastic Press Association. The PIONEER, an all-school publication, competes with books entered from all over the country by schools with an enrollment of 901-1500 pupils.

Publication of the yearbook involves the efforts of more than 100 pupils, and gives the members of its many staffs experience and training in writing, editing, proof-reading, business management, advertising, lay-out, art, photography, and manuscript typing, as well as an opportunity to work cooperatively on an extensive project.

### **Rocket Hi-Lites**

The school paper is another expression of pupil effort and interest. This six-page paper, printed in regular newspaper style, provides another 60 pupils with an opportunity to participate in a worthwhile learning experience. The paper is well conceived, well written, edited, and printed. Each publication is anticipated with pleasure by pupils and parents.

### **The Foreign Affairs Club**

A new organization formed this year is the result of the interest of our pupils in the present confused international situation. Interest of the pupils in foreign affairs is encouraged and engendered by many of our teachers, especially those teaching history. We are looking forward to interesting sessions of this club which meets weekly.

The holding power of the Reading High School seems to be very good. We feel this is due to the fact that we try to individualize the school work as much as possible and also because the Guidance Department and the entire staff make an effort to help pupils over the rough spots in their school life. Most of the drop-outs occur in the latter part of the sophomore and the junior years. This is perhaps due to the fact that those pupils who will not make the effort to do the school work reach the age of 16 and may legally drop out of school, or they are old enough to get a job. Many of the boys who drop out of the junior and senior classes join some service in the armed forces. Most of the pupils reaching the senior year remain through to graduation. Last year out of 212, only five dropped out. Our all-over drop-out, 9th through the 12th year, is less than 5%. 7½% to 12% is not considered excessive.

The distribution of last year's graduates (1956) is as follows:

26.5% went to degree-granting colleges.

7.0% went to junior college.

6.0% went into nursing.

13.0% went on to prep school and will probably go to college next year. With more attention to school work, most of these could have qualified for college in September 1956.

8.0% went into the armed services.

1.0% went into apprenticeship training.

Of the 45 who went directly to work, many will do very well in business and some will take higher education in evening schools.

Respectfully submitted,

RUDOLF SUSSMANN, Headmaster

# REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF THE WALTER S. PARKER JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

## I. Enrollment — December 3, 1956:

Special Class .....	11
Grade 6 .....	122
Grade 7 .....	246
Grade 8 .....	284
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	663

### Grade 8 Electives:

Business Training .....	60
French .....	35
Home Economics .....	50
Latin .....	81
Shop .....	49
Study .....	9
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	284

## II. Service Groups and Club Activities:

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|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| 1. Student Council    | 11. Handy Anns            |
| 2. Traffic Leaders    | 12. Camera                |
| 3. Engineers          | 13. Dramatics             |
| 4. Orchestra          | 14. Shop Aids             |
| 5. Boys' Chorus       | 15. Clerks                |
| 6. Glee Club          | 16. Band                  |
| 7. Librarians         | 17. Conversational French |
| 8. Art                | 18. Teen Age Book Club    |
| 9. Junior Red Cross   | 19. Square Dancing        |
| 10. Baker and Hostess | 20. Current Events        |
|                       | 21. Remedial Mathematics  |

## III. Instruction:

A. The following standardized tests have been used during the year:

1. Otis Quick Scoring — for rechecking I.Q's.
  2. California Short Form — Grade 6.
  3. Standard Achievement — Grades 6 and 8.
  4. Differential Aptitude Test — Grade 8.
  5. Cooperative Tests in General Science — Grades 7 and 8.
  6. Curriculum Tests in Mathematics — Grades 7 and 8.
- The Mooney Problem Check List was administered to Grade 7.

B. The four Sixth Grade groups again were taught on a departmentalized basis. With the addition of an extra group this year, Sixth Grade pupils were organized on a homogenous basis. Their teachers have felt that this has made it possible to work more effectively than

with heterogeneous grouping and that all pupils will benefit accordingly.

C. During the past year we have had practice teachers with us from Simmons College, Salem State Teachers College, Boston University and Emmanuel College. I believe that working with these practice teachers should result in benefit to those members of our staff with whom they are associated, as well as to the practice teachers themselves.

D. We continue our early closing Thursdays for meetings of teachers with Grade or Department chairmen. Our teachers are unanimous in feeling that the results of these meetings are significant enough to justify the time used.

#### **IV. Miscellaneous:**

A. Four meetings of the Parent-Teachers Association were held during the year. The first meeting in the fall is an informal tea and open house at which parents have the opportunity of becoming acquainted with all teachers. The three other meetings take place in the evening.

B. Our enrollment this fall reached an all-time high, and all available space is being utilized. The school library is now used for regular class work. Overcrowding in Grade 6 was eased by the transfer of 16 Sixth Grade pupils to the three Highland School groups now being housed in the Senior High School. The opening of the new elementary school, when completed, will relieve the situation until the fall of 1959 when it is anticipated that there will be more than 700 pupils in Grades 7 and 8.

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### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE GUIDANCE DEPARTMENT FOR 1956**

**Submitted by Ara A. Karakashian**

During 1956 the Guidance Department continued its work of past years, initiated some new projects and curtailed others. Curtailments were necessitated by lack of guidance personnel to do the required work effectively or by restrictions of time and space.

Among the new projects begun in the Spring of 1956 was a Pre-school Registration Program for prospective first-graders. The principal aim of this program was the establishment of ground-work for better understanding and cooperation between the school, the child and the home. A handbook containing information relative to school rules and regulations, policies and practices, as well as hints to parents on how they might best prepare their children for school and help them after they had entered school, was prepared by supervising principals and guidance personnel. This booklet, together with forms necessary for registration, was distributed to parents who brought their children to the pre-school registration programs at the Eaton, Highland and Pearl Street Schools. The main features of these programs were individual interviews conducted by first grade teachers, the Supervisor of Health, Mrs. Clewley, the School Nurse, Mrs. Bell, and the Guidance Director. This situation provided school personnel an opportunity to observe parent-child dynamics and to obtain background information vital to proper placement and guidance of pupils entering our schools



for the first time. Staff meetings were held before and after the pre-registration programs to insure, as far as possible, that data would be obtained and recorded in a uniform and meaningful manner and to consider ways and means of improving the program in the future.

A second project of time-consuming proportion was the compiling and analysis of statistical data for the purpose of developing our own norms for some of the standardized achievement tests being used in our over-all testing program. Local percentile rank norms were developed for grade-level scores achieved by all first-graders on the Gates Primary Reading Tests and for grade-level scores achieved by all 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 5th, 6th and 8th graders on the several parts of the Stanford Achievement Test Battery. Norms were developed for each grade in each school separately and for each grade for all schools combined. Resulting tabulations and inferences to be drawn therefrom have been discussed in staff meetings with administrators and teachers with an eye toward eventual curriculum modifications and classroom organization.

Townpeople should be reassured that test results showed that Reading Public Schools are doing a good job of educating the children of Reading. The "average" Reading pupil appears to be from 5 to 6 months advanced over his counterpart in the national norm groups. This holds true at all grade levels involved in the analysis and in almost every subject matter area. In addition, from 10% to 20% of pupils in each grade examined was two or more years advanced on the national norms for almost all subject matter areas. On the other side of the coin, however, certain undesirable conditions were made evident by the analysis. Consistently over-large spreads in achievement were found in the language usage and spelling areas. Towards the end of the fourth grade the percentage of pupils who are two or more years retarded in key subject matter areas becomes large enough and tends to increase sufficiently in succeeding years to suggest the advisability of reorganizing classes somewhat differently than we are now doing. Partial homogenous grouping at the higher and lower extremes in our elementary school classes from grade 4 may be a possible solution. Organization of a summer school for remedial or re-educational instruction of low achievers from grades 3 through 5 may be another solution. These and other possible solutions are being studied and evaluated critically in staff meetings.

It is expected that effective guidance at the elementary levels will be greatly enhanced by the addition of an elementary adjustment counselor to the staff in September of 1957. The school adjustment counselor will work exclusively with children in grades 1 through 8 who need special help in making satisfactory adjustments to their various environments. A good deal of his work will involve close liaison between the child, the school, and the home. By state law, the person employed in this position must be approved by the Commissioner of Education and the Director of the Division of Youth Service for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. The Town will be reimbursed \$4,500.00 by the State for the employment of a school adjustment counselor.



In addition to the usual programs of vocational and education information which have been conducted in the past, the group guidance program at the High School level has been expanded somewhat more this year. The reorganization of the school day with a longer activity period has enabled us to schedule a series of guidance films stressing the development of efficient study habits, note-taking techniques and personality development. These films are alternated with home-room projects utilizing such instruments as the Mooney Problem Check List, Wrenn Study Habits Inventory and the Kuder Preference Record. Early in 1957 work will begin in homerooms in reviewing and bringing up-to-date choice of study work sheets begun in the 8th grade and aimed at helping pupils select suitable four-year programs of study at the high school level. It is hoped that this work will help eliminate much of the indecision and confusion that occurs in the Spring of each year when undergraduates must select a course of study for the next year. It is further hoped that this program will eliminate the flood of requests for course changes in the Fall of each year and will aid and expedite the permanent organization and scheduling of classes.

Some preliminary work was begun in 1956 in following up Reading High School graduates. Double postcard size questionnaires were printed and were used with alumni groups at reunions to see if they would yield the type of information we are seeking or should be seeking. Limitations of time and clerical help have mitigated against any systematic follow-up studies to date, however. It is hoped that some constructive work may be accomplished in this area during the summer of 1957.

Gradual improvement has been made in part time and full time placement practices and record keeping but much work still has to be done in this area.

Lack of guidance personnel continues to limit the amount of individual counseling at all levels. The needs of college bound seniors are quite well taken care of by Mr. Baker and all freshmen and senior girls are scheduled for regular interviews with Miss Nichols. Although attempts are made to have personal interviews with other pupils, cases referred by administrators, teachers or parents, and appointments made voluntarily by pupils constitute the bulk of the counseling load. There has been an increase in the number of cases requiring several interviews and, in many instances, referral to specialized public and private agencies.

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#### **ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT**

**J. Douglas Oliver, Director of Music**  
**Marie Hagman, Supervisor of Music**  
**Wilma Recklitis, Junior High Music**  
**Frank Durant, High School Music**  
**Basic Philosophy**

The philosophy guiding the activities of the Music Department is the desire to offer as many students as possible the greatest possible amount of music appreciation. Future professional careers in the field

of music are neither emphasized nor encouraged in that possibilities for livelihood in music are very limited. Therefore, the program is designed to offer the average student an understanding and appreciation of music which will furnish him a means of enjoying leisure hours in adulthood. Thus, all activities, whether they be those of singing scales, or singing popular songs, or instrumental lessons, — all these have the same goal: a greater appreciation of music.

The program is generally divided into two sections: the vocal and the instrumental. The vocal, or general, music class begins in grade one and continues through grade eight. The program sets forth a definite course of study including rhythmic activities, rhythm games, dances, part singing, note reading, and listening to great music. At the end of the eighth year, the student should be able to read simple vocal music, harmonize in part music, and be familiar with some of the great composers and their works.

The instrumental phase is geared to the exceptional rather than the average student, and begins in grade three and continues through High School. Exceptional students are encouraged to engage in the study of a musical instrument which means private study and practice at home. Class lessons are offered to all students for one year, after which the students are encouraged to change to private study. Private lessons are offered in the schools on woodwinds by Mrs. Toll, on brasses by Mr. Reed, and on strings by Mr. Doyle. These lessons form the background of all our instrumental groups, and without these, our instrumental program would probably be non-existent.

### **Musical Organizations and Activities**

The following is a list of the musical organizations and the musical activities of these groups in the various Reading schools under the guidance of the Music Department with the assistance and cooperation of the administrations and faculties of these same schools:

#### **High School**

Band. Membership between 30 and 40. The band appeared at eight football games, played for the arrival of Santa Claus, also for school assemblies, for the Memorial Day parade; they appeared at the Northeastern Music Festival and at High School graduation, also in the Spring Concert given in May.

Chorus. Membership between 30 and 65. Appeared at the Christmas Assembly and also the Spring Concert.

Music Appreciation Class. Membership about 15. No public appearances.

Sixth Grade General Music Classes consisting of all sixth graders. No public performances.

Seventh Grade General Music Classes consisting of all seventh graders. Over 100 students, all volunteers, appeared at the Spring Vocal Concert. About 50 volunteers appeared at the Music Appreciation Course given last year to the Reading teachers. About 165 were observed by Professor Kelley, of Boston University, and his entire class of 50 student teachers as "one of the few schools in this area (Eastern Massachusetts) presenting general music classes of quality".\*

Eighth Grade General Music Classes consisting of all eighth grades. No public performances.

Girls' Glee Club, consisting of 50 girls, appeared at special school assemblies and were observed by the Boston University Group referred to above. Also appeared at Spring Vocal Concert. This group appeared at Music Appreciation Course.

Boys' Chorus, consisting of 42 boys, sang at special school assemblies and were observed by the Boston University group. They also appeared at the Music Appreciation Course and at the Spring Concert.

Orchestra, consisting of 35 members, appeared at school assemblies and at the Spring Instrumental Concert.

JHS Band. A new organization last year. Membership about 52. Appeared at school assemblies and at the Spring Concert. Appeared in concerts in each of the three large elementary schools to motivate younger students to greater participation in future years.

### Elementary Schools

Lowell Street School. General music presented to all students by classroom teachers, with guidance and cooperation of a music supervisor. No public performances.

Highland School. General music presented to all students as above. A Christmas program and a Spring Concert by grades two and three for the parents. Also a debate on a musical topic and a concert presented by 60 sixth graders for parents.

Joshua Eaton School. General music classes as above. Also a program presented to the P.T.A. by the entire second grade class and a Christmas program presented by grade three.

Pearl Street School. General music classes as above. Also a Spring Concert presented to the P.T.A. as well as a Christmas program. Also an operetta, "Hansel and Gretel" involving about 50 fourth, fifth and sixth graders.

Three elementary schools had orchestras:

Pearl .....	20
Highland .....	40
Eaton .....	40

These groups each played for their own schools and then combined to present an evening concert for parents and friends.

### Problems

The chief problem confronting the Music Department is the high rate of mortality of students in both vocal and instrumental music in the upper grades, especially in the High School. It is the feeling of your Department Head that this is due to two factors:

1. That students, parents, and faculty members, and even administrators, consider music to be the equivalent of an activity instead of the equivalent of any other subject in the curriculum requiring as much preparation and concentration as Latin or Algebra.

2. That musical groups must be scheduled with an eye to the type of competition that might be offered by other groups meeting at the same time. For instance, no student is going to pay \$150.00 to purchase an instrument, invest \$250.00 in lessons, carry a heavy instrument to

school, and deprive himself of an hour's television leisure a day while he practices, if he is to be denied the privilege of participating in athletics because he plays a musical instrument. Until the scheduling of musical groups is reevaluated and restudied, the high mortality of musical students will continue. Another problem is that of the new grade school teacher who must be trained in the methods and materials of music. Any means whatever which could maintain experienced teachers in the elementary schools would certainly benefit the student.

### Goals

1. Increase participation in all forms and phases of music.
2. To endeavor to make music such that all students of all twelve grades can find some phase for participation.
3. To continue to improve the quality of our music as well as the manner in which it is presented so that the Town of Reading may be justly proud of all concerned.

J. DOUGLAS OLIVER,  
Director of Music

\*Professor Kelley

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## ANNUAL REPORT — SUPERVISOR OF HEALTH

The pattern followed in carrying out the health program in the Reading school system varies yearly with the demands of the day, but remains essentially the same.

All essential health services — testing of vision, hearing and physical appraisal, with the necessary notices and parental conferences — were completed for the school year ending in June 1956.

The organization, administration and physical carrying out of the clinics for the giving of Salk Polio vaccine in the spring of 1956 required many hours of preparation and work from the complete health staff, far more hours than could possibly be justified were the purpose not so great a one. It is the only way we could have reached the large number of children in need of protection from paralytic poliomyelitis. Seven clinics were held during the school year and two in the month of July. The figures for these clinics run thus:

Number to receive first dose ....	1474
"      "      "      second " ....	689
"      "      "      third " ....	305 (Polio Pioneers of 1954)

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Total ..... 2468

Add to this the group of babies and pre-school children and you reach an approximate figure of 3000 cared for in the clinics.

An analysis of school physical record cards to determine the children to be included, the preparing of parental consent slips to be sent out through the schools, and tabulated when returned, the keeping of careful records — all so essential to the program — are little understood. Now we are engaged in preparation for clinics to be held in January, when a third (booster) dose of Salk Vaccine will be given to



those children whose parents wish it. To date, about 2600 consent slips have gone out. No report on the Polio clinics could be written without expressing gratitude to and giving credit for the loyal cooperation of Mrs. Lazenby in my office, who has given hours of service, for these things cannot be completed in school hours. The assistance of the visiting nurses and the very capable work of Mrs. Etta Stewart assure a smooth performance at the clinic itself.

The appointment of Mrs. Aldona Bell to the health staff in February of this year was a most fortunate one. She brings to us, in addition to her professional ability, personal integrity and dependability. She is liked by pupils and staff. It is to be hoped that she will remain with us.

The school months from September 1956 through December have been very busy. The vision testing is completed with the exception of the Lowell Street School and several absentees. Results of the vision testing have been tabulated and reports submitted to the Principal in each school. Parents have been notified in all cases of failure, on the prescribed forms, and 90% of those failing have already been examined by an eye specialist.

The audiometer testing of hearing is well underway and will be continued to completion.

Dr. Wakeling continues to make a good physical appraisal, and examinations go on each week. The number of remedial defects found is few and they continue to fall into two classifications, dental and an accumulation of wax sufficient to occlude seeing the ear drum — a condition easily remedied but which may impair hearing. There have been a number of children this year who, though displaying no obvious defects, have given the impression of fatigue and much less than optimum health. I have worked with several of these mothers trying to establish good health habits in place of poor.

Each year some time is spent in preparing the report of the physically handicapped children, as required by law, and sending this to the Supervisor of Special Classes. Thirty-seven children were reported this year, five of whom were new cases.

There has been an upsurge in the number of parents seeking aid for pre-school children with physical and emotional handicaps. I have counseled with several of them in regard to obtaining help for their child. Four children have required home teaching since September and I have obtained a teacher for them.

Care of injuries and illness in school is, of course, an essential function of the school nurse. There has been, and is, considerable illness at this time. There has been more time available for classroom conferences this year, and there should be steady improvement in this area. The Public Health Nurse is the teaching member of her profession. In the schools it is our hope that we bring something of value to those with whom we come in contact.

MARGARET B. CLEWLEY,

Supervisor of Health



## REPORTS OF THE ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS

### Staff

In September of 1956, the elementary schools opened with several changes in personnel. Four teachers had resigned to accept teaching positions in other towns, one was granted a military leave of absence, and two resigned for reasons of health. One first grade teacher was transferred from the Highland School to the Joshua Eaton School to teach an overflow first grade from that school district. One teacher was transferred from the Joshua Eaton School to the High School to teach the extra sixth grade assigned there from the Highland School district.

Nine new elementary school teachers were hired to fill the above mentioned vacancies and staff three additional classrooms that were set up at the Eaton and Highland Schools. Six of these new teachers are without previous teaching experience.

The problem of obtaining the services of experienced elementary school teachers is recognized by all and is becoming increasingly more difficult, yet we feel that we have been most fortunate in obtaining fine replacements for those teachers who have left our system.

### Enrollment

The enrollment of the elementary schools continues to increase. The following figures show how our school population has grown:

(Estimated)

	1955	1956	1957
Grade 1 .....	296	325	367
Grade II .....	310	306	325
Grade III .....	354	338	306
Grade IV .....	324	366	338
Grade V .....	246	334	366
Grade VI .....	243	247	334
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Total Elementary School Enrollment .....	1773	1916	2036

Due to this increasing enrollment it has been necessary this year to house five of our sixth grades in the Parker Junior High School and three of our sixth grades in the Reading Senior High School.

This increasing enrollment has disrupted the most desirable organization for our elementary schools; that of grades one to six in each of our large elementary school units. With the opening of the new Forest Street Elementary School it is hoped that we can return once again to a grade one to six organizational plan. This will bring about a major redistribution of pupils for the 1957-1958 school year. The staff has already begun work on this problem.

### Instructional Program

Constant evaluation is an integral part of the elementary school program. Each year time is given over to a critical analysis of the work and activities which constitute an essential part of the daily

curriculum of our schools. With our society constantly undergoing revolutionary changes, there is the everpresent necessity for our elementary personnel to re-evaluate our basic program and the values which our children derive from it.

The major focus of the curriculum re-evaluation this year has been in the field of arithmetic. From January to June of 1956 the elementary school personnel met several times on early closing days in grade level meetings to review and evaluate the elementary school arithmetic program. A new teachers' guide was prepared for use at each grade level and is now being bound in preparation for townwide distribution in the near future.

Reading schools have long felt the need for the services of an art supervisor. This year for the first time the Reading School Department has added a full time Elementary School Art Supervisor to the staff. Mrs. Patricia Lyster has made a fine start and many signs of her work are already in evidence throughout the elementary grades.

In May of 1956 the Stanford Achievement Tests were again given in grades one through six of the elementary schools. At the first grade level it seemed best this year to administer the Gates Primary Reading Test. The elementary school children tested well in all of their basic tool subjects.

Miss Barbara Hill has continued her work with the Remedial Reading program again this year. She has provided special reading instruction for many of the most serious reading problems in all of our schools.

The Reading School Committee voted to continue the policy of closing the elementary schools on alternate Thursdays throughout the school year. This time has been used for the in-service training of teachers, parent-teacher conferences and remedial help. Much of the work on curriculum in relation to our language arts and arithmetic programs has been accomplished by the wise use of this released time.

### **Parent-Teacher Associations**

The Parent-Teacher Associations of the elementary schools have been extremely enthusiastic and cooperative in their support of the total school program. Many of the activities which we carry on would not be possible without the effort and cooperation of these organizations. The more closely the school and home work together, the more profitable will be the educational experiences of each individual child.

ELEANOR M. SKAHILL

R. HILDA GAFFNEY

WILLIAM E. SIM

Supervising Principals

# READING PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## AGE-GRADE TABLE — October 1, 1956

Age	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	Total
Grade																		
1	68	246	11															325
2		66	229	11														306
3			74	240	24													338
4				92	257	16	1											366
5					128	183	21	1	1									334
6						45	163	36	3									247
7							73	149	21	3								246
8							1	84	174	24	1							284
9									108	160	17	6	0	0	1			292
10										80	149	19	4	2				254
11											84	143	28	5	0	1	2	263
12												86	117	17	0	1	1	222
PG													1					1
Spec. Ed.							1	3	4	2	0	1						11
Total	68	312	314	343	409	244	260	273	311	269	251	255	150	24	1	2	3	3489

Parochial School

423

3912

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

1957 - 1958

Schools Open	September 4, 1957
No Sessions:	
Teachers' Convention	October 25, 1957
Veterans' Day	November 11, 1957
Good Friday	April 4, 1958
Memorial Day	May 30, 1958
Thanksgiving Recess	
Schools close at noontime	November 27, 1957
Reopen	December 2, 1957
Christmas Vacation	
Schools close at end of regular session	December 20, 1957
Reopen	January 6, 1958
Winter Vacation	
Close February 14 and reopen February 24, 1958	
Spring Vacation	
Close April 11 and reopen April 21, 1958	
High School Graduation	June 11, 1958
Schools close	June 20, 1958

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## SCHOOL CLINICS

Dental Clinic — Wednesday, Thursday and Friday

Eaton School — 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Immunization Clinic — Annually by appointment

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## SCHOOL ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

To be eligible for admission to Grade 1 a child must have reached the age of five years and eight months on or before August 31st of the entering year. No provision is made for examination.

Upon entering school each child is required to present a birth certificate and a certificate of vaccination, or in the case of unsuccessful vaccination a statement from a doctor certifying that three attempts to vacinate have been made, all of which have proved to be unsuccessful.

Registration of children entering school in September is held in the different schools during the month of May, announcement of exact time appearing in THE READING CHRONICLE a week or two before registration.

## APPOINTMENTS

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### High School

Austin, Dorothy M.	English
Bond, Harold E.	English
Durant, Frank A.	Music
Florence, Evelyn K.	Physical Education
Garland, David L.	Biology
Hall, George W., Jr.	Industrial Arts
Kelly, Doris L.	Mathematics
Logan, Francis J.	Mathematics, Science
Morris, Gilberta	English
Webber, Gale M.	Science, Mathematics

### W. S. Parker Junior High School

Bacon, Barbara	English and Reading
Broadcorens, Joan N.	Household Arts
DeSantis, Anna	Physical Education
Garland, Donald	Business Training, Science, Mathematics
Morelli, Savino	Industrial Arts
Sembroski, Florentine C.	Mathematics
Troop, Forrest L.	Mathematics, Science, Reading

### Highland School

Castine, Daisy M.	Grade 2
Fillmore, Susan	Grade 2
Perkins, Carl G.	Grade 5
Scott, Lydia	Grade 3

### Joshua Eaton School

Sanborn, Kaye	Grade 3
Wood, Florence	Grade 1

### Lowell Street School

Cronkhite, Sharon Lee	Grade 4
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### Pearl Street School

Sim, William E.	Supervising Principal
Bean, Annalie D.	Grade 3
Boghossian, Mary	Grade 2
Hull, Isabelle H.	School Secretary

### Health Department

Aldona Bell, R.N.	All Schools
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### Cafeteria Staff

Beaman, Helen P.	High School
Brown, Jean	Pearl St. School
Ellis, Beulah	High School
MacMillan, Alice	Joshua Eaton School



## RESIGNATIONS

### High School

Clark, Stanley R.	Science
Hilton, Jennie	English
Johnson, Carol	English
Peterson, Nancy	Physical Education
Quagenti, Samuel	Music
Stephens, Raymond D., Jr.	Mathematics and Civics
vonKlock, Karl B.	Mathematics
Wogan, Philip A.	Biology
Zahner, Barbara	English

### Junior High School

Ganley, Thomas J.	Mathematics
Higgins, Richard E.	Industrial Arts
Thomas, Marilyn	Physical Education
Weber, Edna F.	Household Arts

### Highland School

Joffe, Leonore	Grade 2
Priestley, Janet	Grade 3

### Lowell Street School

Whittum, Edith	Grade 4
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### Pearl Street School

Cronin, Mary	Grade 2
Hewitt, Rita	Grade 2
Lucey, Philip F.	Supervising Principal

### Administration

Graustein, Audrey	Secretary — Pearl St. School
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### Cafeteria Staff

Sias, Dorothy	High School
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### Custodial Staff

Erminie Dinan, Matron	Joshua Eaton School
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### Health Department

Stock, Helen M.	School Nurse
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## ON MILITARY LEAVE

Adreani, Louis A. (1st year)	Junior High — English
Farnham, Donald (1st year)	Highland — Grade 5
Leonard, James M. (2nd year)	Highland — Grade 5

## ON LEAVE OF ABSENCE

Hein, Glennalee (for 1 year)	Joshua Eaton — Grade 1
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## MEMBERS OF READING SCHOOL FACULTIES

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(Dates indicate year of appointment in Reading)

### School Committee Office

Robert F. Perry, B.S. (1935)	Superintendent of Schools
Robert W. Wakeling, D.O. (1955)	School Physician
Aldona F. G. Bell, R.N. (1956)	School Nurse

### Directors

Philip W. Althoff, B.P.E., M.Ed. (1927)	Director of Physical Education
Margaret B. Clewley, R.N., C.P.H. (Simmons) (1939)	Dir. of Health
Ara A. Karakashian, B.S., M.Ed. (1954)	Director of Guidance
Roderick E. Macdonald, B.S.Ed. (1937)	Director of Industrial Arts
J. Douglas Oliver, B.S.Ed., M.M.Ed. (1948)	Director of Music

### Senior High School

Rudolf Sussman, B.S.Ed. (1917)	Supervising Principal
Joseph F. Fitzgerald, A.B., A.M. (1929)	Administrative Assistant
Florence G. Nichols, B.S.Ed. (1929)	Dean of Girls
Clarissa B. Abbott, B.S.Ed. (1953)	English
Rachel Alden, B.A. (1954)	English
James M. Aldrich, A.B., A.M. (1954)	U.S. History
Willis E. Anderson, A.B. (1955)	Civics
Dorothy M. Austin, A.B. (1956)	English
Clifford W. Baker, B.S., A.M. (1944)	Mathematics and Guidance
Elizabeth A. Batchelder, B.S.Ed. (1916)	English and Typewriting
Alton C. Bennett, A.B., M.A. (1947)	History
Harold E. Bond, B.A., M.A. (1956)	English
Robert Bronner, B.A., M.Ed. (1940)	Civics, Driver Ed., Vis. Ed.
Rose E. Chiesa, A.B., Cert. Superieure (1953)	French
TenBroeck Cornell, B.A., M.A. (1954)	French, Driver Education
Virginia Cox, A.B., A.M. (1945)	Latin, English
Jane R. Cutcliffe, B.S.Ed., Ed.M. (1952)	English
Alberta F. Drury, Salem Normal (1917)	Bookkeeping
Frank A. Durant, B.S.Ed. (1956)	Music
Mary H. Eaton, A.A., B.Ed. (1954)	Mathematics
Evelyn K. Florence, B.S.Ed. (1956)	Physical Education
Alice H. Franzen, B.S.E. (1947)	Shorthand, Typewriting
David L. Garland, B.S., Ed.M. (1956)	Biology
George W. Hall, Jr., B.S. (1956)	Industrial Arts
William E. Hanlon, A.B., Ed.M. (1945)	U.S. History, Head of Dept.
Elizabeth G. Hardy, B.A. (1954)	Mathematics
John A. Hollingsworth, Jr. B.S. (1955)	Mathematics, Head F.B. Coach
Doris L. Kelly, B.S. (1956)	Mathematics

Svea W. Kling, B.B.A., Ed.M. (1940)	Head of Commercial Dept.
Anne T. Landini, B.A. (1955)	Home Economics
Francis J. Logan, A.B. (1956)	Mathematics and Science
Ernestine H. Macdonald, A.B. (1953)	Librarian
William T. McGrail, Jr., A.B., Ed.M. (1953)	History
Gilberta Morris, A.B. (1956)	English
James T. Murphy, B.S.Ed. (1953)	Science
John B. Pacino, B.S., M.Ed. (1945)	Commercial, Counselling
Hazel M. Percy, A.B. (1955)	Mathematics
Frederick J. Pope, B.S., Ed.M. (1922)	Science, Head of Dept.
Neil C. Robinson, B.S., Ed.M. (1936)	Civics
Edward W. Roewer, A.B., M.Ed. (1955)	Spanish
Geraldine F. Roy, B.S., Ed.M. (1950)	Art
Mary E. Shay, A.B., M.A. (1943)	Head of English Department
H. Neil Soule, B.S.Ed. (1953)	Science
Arthur L. Spencer, A.B., A.M. (1938)	Head of Foreign Language Dept.
	Dramatics
Sally Stenbridge, A.B. (1955)	English
Frances L. Updike, A.B., A.M. (1955)	English
Frederick C. Wales, B.S.E. (1942)	Industrial Arts
Eleanor B. Watson, B.A., B.S. (1954)	Home Economics
Gale M. Webber, B.S. (1956)	Science, Mathematics
Mary E. White, A.B., M.Ed. (1954)	Mathematics
Derick V. Willson, B.A., M.Ed. (1955)	Industrial Arts
Helen R. Zimmerman, B.S., M.S., Ph.D. (1936)	Biology, Chemistry, Anatomy

### W. S. Parker Junior High School

Albert H. Woodward, A.B., Ed.M. (1940)	Supervising Principal
John R. Copithorne, B.A., M.Ed. (1946)	Asst. Principal, Science
Barbara W. Bacon, B.S.E. (1955)	English and Reading
Harriet S. Beattie, B.S.Ed. (1937)	Art
Joan N. Broadcorens, B.S. (1956)	Household Arts, Science
Stanley E. Butcher, A.B. (1949)	Social Studies, Head of Dept.
Arthur T. Cram, Jr., B.Ed. (1954)	Industrial Arts
Elisabeth A. Dagdigian, A.B. (1953)	Latin, English, Social Studies
Anna M. DeSantis, B.S.Ed. (1956)	Physical Education
Louise J. Eldridge, B.A., M.A. (1950)	Latin, French, English
Ethel Garfield, B.A. (1955)	Special Education
Donald B. Garland, B.S.Ed. (1956)	Bus. Training, Science, Math.
Nellie P. Greene, B.S. (1954)	Mathematics, English
Walter E. Hawkes, B.S., Ed.M. (1933)	Physical Education
Hazel W. Hunt, B.A. (1949)	Social Studies
Jane D. Jones, B.A., M.A. (1955)	Social Studies
Helen R. Knight, B.S.E., Ed.M. (1946)	English
Savino Morelli, B.S.Ed. (1956)	Industrial Arts
Wilma Recklitis, B.M. (1955)	Music
Dorothy B. Rice, A.B. (1949)	Mathematics, Head of Dept.
Ann K. Roewer, B.S.Ed. (1952)	Mathematics
Norman R. Seifel, B.S. (1955)	Science, Social Studies
Florentine C. Sembroski, B.A. (1956)	Mathematics

Ernest G. Spence, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1951)	Science
Clementina F. Sudak, B.S.Ed. (1947)	English, Head of Dept.
Forrest L. Troop, B.S.Ed. (1956)	Mathematics, Science, Reading
Margaret E. Tyacke, Boston Univ. (1926)	English
Alice A. Welch, B.S. (1950)	Household Arts, Head of Dept.

### Highland School

R. Hilda Gaffney, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1941)	Supervising Principal
Jean W. Bennett, Salem T.C. (1955)	Grade 5
Dorothy L. Bergess, Lesley School (1926)	Grade 3
Daisy W. Castine, Gorham State Teachers College (1956)	Grade 2
Catherine M. Chipman, Lowell T.C. (1944)	Grade 2
Velma C. Eastman, B.S.Ed. (1955)	Grade 4
Susan G. Fillmore, B.S.Ed. (1956)	Grade 2
Dorothy Leslie, B.A. (1948)	Grade 1
Irene Montigny, B.A. (1955)	Grade 5
Marlylyn Mulcahy, B.S.Ed. (1955)	Grade 4
Carl G. Perkins, B.Ed. (1956)	Grade 5
Lydia Scott, B.A. (1956)	Grade 3
Helen M. Thebideau, B.S.Ed. (1955)	Grade 4
Marion Weagle, B.S.E. (1946)	Grade 1
Robert W. Brown, B.S. (1954)	Grade 6 at High School
Ruth B. Carroll, B.S.Ed. (1955)	Grade 6 at High School
William E. O'Keefe, B.S.Ed. (1954)	Grade 6 at High School

### Joshua Eaton and Prospect Street Schools

Eleanor M. Skahill, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1943)	Supervising Principal
Doris S. Forbes, Plymouth T.C. (1947)	Asst. Prin., and Grade 5
Clara A. Anderson, B.S.Ed. (1944)	Grade 3
Anne Baker, Conn. S.T.C. (1954)	Grade 2
Shirley J. Crompton, B.S.Ed. (1955)	Grade 3
Lorraine Domingue, B.S.E. (1952)	Grade 2
Theresa Gaffny, A.B. (1955)	Grade 4
Grace L. Gifford, Wheelock (1943)	Grade 1
Helena A. Markham, Framingham T.C. (1934)	Grade 3
Anna R. Martin, No. Adams T.C. (1954)	Grade 1
Alberta R. Mathieson, Salem T.C. (1924)	Grade 2
John F. Morabito, B.S. (1954)	Grade 4
Helen B. Morgan, Lowell Normal (1953)	Grade 1
Gloria S. Rosenthal, B.S.Ed. (1955)	Grade 4
Irene R. Royea, Aroostrook Co. Normal (1928)	Grade 2
Martha E. Ryder, B.S.Ed., Ed.M. (1949)	Grade 4
Kaye Sanborn, B.S. (1956)	Grade 3
Phyllis Snyder, B.S.Ed. (1955)	Grade 1
Florence A. Wood, Salem Normal (1956)	Grade 1
Marie M. Hagman, B. of M. (1954)	Elementary and Jr. High Music
Patricia M. Lyster, A.B. (1955)	Art in Elementary Schools
Constance B. Loud, B.S.Ed. (1948)	Bldg. Prin., at Prospect and Grade 6
Herbert Baron, B.S. (1955)	Grade 6 at Prospect
E. Lorraine Pulson, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1947)	Grade 5 at Prospect
Beatrice Stasinopulos, B.S.Ed. (1952)	Grade 5 at Prospect

### **Pearl Street School**

William E. Sim, B.S., M.A., Cert. of Adv. Study (1956)	Supervising Principal
Mary M. Chapman, B.S.Ed. (1941)	Asst. Prin. and Grade 5
Annalie D. Bean, B.S. (1956)	Grade 3
A. Josephine Berry, B.S.Ed. (1944)	Grade 1
Mary E. Boghossian, B.S.Ed. (1956)	Grade 2
Velma E. Curtin, Perry Kindergarten School (1927)	Grade 2
Frances Haskins, Aroostook State T.C. (1943)	Grade 4
Ann M. Howe, Framingham T.C. (1947)	Grade 4
Jean E. Jacob, B.Ed. (1955)	Grade 3
Elizabeth J. Kerrigan, A.B., Ed.M. (1950)	Grade 4
Dennis F. Murphy, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1953)	Grade 5
Dorothy R. Payzant, B.L.I. (1953)	Grade 1
JoAnne Powers, B.S. (1955)	Grade 2
Dorothy L. Soar, Salem Normal (1951)	Grade 1
Helen D. Stockwell, Salem Normal (1930)	Grade 5
Marialice Stratton, B.S. (1948)	Grade 3
Frances E. Young, B.S.Ed. (1954)	Grade 3
Barbara Hill, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1949)	Remedial Reading — All Schools

### **Lowell Street School**

Stella M. Salva, B.S.Ed., M.Ed. (1953)	Bldg. Prin. and Grade 1
Dorothy Conron, B.S.Ed. (1953)	Grade 2
Sharon Lee Cronkite, A.B. (1956)	Grade 4
Jessie L. Goddard, Bridgewater T.C. (1955)	Grade 3

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### **SCHOOL SECRETARIES**

Myrtle W. Tilton, Secretary to the Headmaster	High School
Elizabeth A. Brush	W. S. Parker Junior High School
Anna G. Freeman	High School
Isabelle H. Hull	Pearl Street School
Clarice D. Hynes	Highland School
Evelyn Lazenby	Health Office
Jean S. Underhill	High School
Dorothy L. Wardrope	Joshua Eaton School

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### **NO SCHOOL SIGNALS**

Radio announcement, when possible, over WNAC, WEEL, WBZ, and WLAW between 7:00 and 7:45 a.m. Fire alarm 2-2 repeated three times at 7:15 a.m., for the High School; 7:30 a.m., for the Junior High, and 7:45 a.m., for elementary schools. Signals at 12:30 p.m. for elementary afternoon sessions.

Since the elementary schools have two sessions, the afternoon session may be discontinued due to inclement weather. When afternoon sessions are discontinued, announcement will be made over the radio as well as in the individual schools before 11:30 a.m.



## CUSTODIANS AND MATRONS

Roy Brogan	Pearl Street School
William J. Broussard	High School
Daniel J. Buckley, Head Custodian	Highland School
Margaret Campbell	W. S. Parker Junior High School
Fred B. Gibson	W. S. Parker Junior High School
Henry Gromyko	Joshua Eaton School
Edward F. Harrison, Head Custodian	Pearl St. School
Andrew J. Lomax	W. S. Parker Junior High School
William A. Lloyd	Lowell Street School
Theresa Meuse	High School
Catherine Miller	High School
John Miller	Highland School
Stuart R. Nichols	High School
Fred Riessle, Head Custodian	W. S. Parker Junior High School
Vincent Serrentino	Prospect Street School — Part Time
Reginald J. Southard (Night Watchman and Custodian)	High School
Margaret A. Thornton	Highland School
Robert A. Vars, Head Custodian	Joshua Eaton School
Daniel J. White (Night Watchman and Custodian)	High School
Elmer E. Young, Head Custodian	High School

## CAFETERIAS

Lois Connor, Supervisor

Obeline Arsenault	High School
Mary Bacigalupo	Pearl Street School
Helen P. Beaman	High School
Jean Brown	Pearl Street School
Elsiemae Collins, Manager	W. S. Parker Jr. High School
Evelyn Davis, Manager	Highland School
Genevieve Demenkow	W. S. Parker Jr. High School
Beulah E. Ellis	High School
Edith French, Manager	Joshua Eaton School
Florence Harvey	Highland School
Ida H. Johnson	High School
Mae C. Kimball	High School
Nellie Laetsch, Manager	Pearl St. School
Alice MacMillan	Joshua Eaton School
Flora MacPhail	W. S. Parker Jr. High School
Elizabeth Miller	Joshua Eaton School
Evelyn Mullen, Manager	High School
Eva Noble	W. S. Parker Jr. High School
Anna Roscoe	Joshua Eaton School

## READING HIGH SCHOOL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES

Class of 1956

June 7, 1956

PROCESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG

Led by Class President, Kenneth Chester Latham, Jr.

STAR SPANGLED BANNER

Key-Smith

Audience, Senior Class, and Band

PRAYER

Rev. Brandoch L. Lovely

SALUTATORY

"Opportunities for Today's Youth"

David William Marshall

TORCH ORATION

Kenneth Chester Latham, Jr.

ESSAY—"The Value of Olympic Games Toward International

Good Will"

Richard James Ogden, Class Honors

ESSAY—"The Cycle of Leadership"

Janet Gail Baker, Faculty Honors

ESSAY—"Togetherness"

John H. Turner, Class Honors

ESSAY—"Escape from War's Pestilence"

Helen Nancy Fitzpatrick, Faculty Honors

ESSAY—"If you inquire what the people are like here,

I must answer: 'The same as everywhere!'"

—Goethe

Lieselotte Ute Horlitz, Exchange Student from Germany

VALEDICTORY

"Our Greatest Blessing"

Janet Florence Carlson

CONFERRING SCHOLASTIC HONORS

Rudolf Sussmann, Headmaster

CONFERRING DIPLOMAS

Philip R. White, Chairman of School Board

BENEDICTION

Rev. Brandoch L. Lovely

RECESSIONAL MARCH

High School Band

## CANDIDATES FOR DIPLOMAS

Sylvia Vivian Amero  
 Linda Southwick Anderson  
 Guy James Avery  
 Janet Gail Baker  
 Patrick J. Banfield  
 Clifford E. Banning  
 Philip D. Barrett  
 Paul H. Barton  
 Edwina Marie Belzer  
 Joyce Gertrude Berry  
 John Norman Bickell  
 Judith Ellison Blue  
 Gerald Albert Boudreau  
 Marjorie Brown  
 Sally Monroe Brown  
 Willard Merwin Buddenhagen  
 Darlena Kathleen Bugbee  
 Douglas W. Burhoe, Jr.  
 John T. Burhoe  
 Janis Ann Butler  
 Sandra Patricia Call  
 Marjorie Alice Callahan  
 Janet Florence Carlson  
 John R. Carter  
 Patricia Elizabeth Cavanaugh  
 Stephen George Claughton  
 William Charles Climo  
 Susan Colby  
 Marion R. Cole  
 Ann Lee Compton  
 Harry Andrew Compton  
 Mary Frances Coneeney  
 June Roberta Cooke  
 Robert Donald Cooke  
 Paul Alvin Cotreau  
 Joan Elizabeth Cummings  
 Robert Grosvenor Currier  
 Richard Harris Curtis  
 William George Dalton  
 Robert E. David  
 George Andrew Davidson, Jr.  
 Joshua Tyler Day, III  
 Susan Robertson de Brigard  
 Diana de Masellis  
 Priscilla Ruth Denbow  
 Nancy Jane Denno  
 Joseph Edward Di Bona  
 George Roger Dicey  
 Martin Pedrick Dickman  
 Peter Edward Doherty  
 Mary Theresa Donegan

Robert John Doucette  
 Chandler Shumway Eaton, Jr.  
 Donald Francis Ellingwood, Jr.  
 John Erikson  
 John David Face  
 Sylvia Anne Ferguson  
 Conrad Peter Ferrara  
 Helen Nancy Fitzpatrick  
 Beatrice Crocker Flanagan  
 Ralph Carl Flodin  
 Nancy Elizabeth Fransen  
 Norma Linnea Fransen  
 Carol Marie Gerrior  
 Nancy Currier Goodwin  
 Albert Norton Griggs  
 Susanne M. Grunzweig  
 Joseph William Haley  
 Shirley Edith Hall  
 Janet Eleanor Harlow  
 Mary Jane Harrington  
 Nancy Ann Harris  
 Richard Robert Hatfield  
 Henry Stone Heath, Jr.  
 E. Nancy Heselton  
 Frank L. Hicks, Jr.  
 John Frederick Hicks  
 Donald Herridge Hill  
 Jane Carole Hilts  
 John Hogan  
 Lieselotte Ute Horlitz  
 William E. Hosker  
 John C. Howard  
 Robert Herbert Isaacs  
 Carol Ann Ivers  
 Gail Ann Jerauld  
 Mary Elizabeth Johnson  
 Beverly Ann Jones  
 Dorothy Ann Jones  
 Frank Herbert Kean  
 William Francis Keefe, Jr.  
 Arnold Bruce Keene  
 Mary Rae Kellett  
 Robert Stewart Kennedy  
 Janice Marie Kerr  
 Patricia Mae Kimball  
 Deborah Lee KopystECKa  
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 Patricia Ruth Latham  
 Leonard Philip Leary  
 Carl Robert Leighton

Carolann Leslie  
 William Boyd Leslie  
 Roger Colbourne Livingstone  
 William Edward Lovering  
 Richard Allan Lucas  
 Robert Patterson MacKenzie  
 John Frederick Macklin  
 Ernest Richard MacLean  
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 Philip Edwin Mason, Jr.  
 Martha Elsiebelle Mathews  
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 Gloria Ellen McDonald  
 Donald James McGillicuddy  
 Joseph Francis McKeague, Jr.  
 Patricia Ann McKenney  
 Barbara Ann McMahon  
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 William Joseph McMahon  
 Joyce Ann Melanson  
 Jeanne Ellen Merrill  
 Karen Linda Mich  
 Deborah Ann Milton  
 Ann Moberger  
 Carol June Moodie  
 Gail Ann Morin  
 Nancy Joanne Morse  
 Patricia Elizabeth Mullen  
 Walter Joseph Mullin  
 Charles Richard Murdoch  
 Patricia Ann Murdock  
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 Wayne Edwin Steeves  
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 Ruth Ann Stockbridge  
 Nicholas Clifton Stokes  
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 Nancy Joan Taylor  
 William Titcomb  
 Robert Charles Tolonen  
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 Sally Towle  
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**89th Annual Report of the**  
**BOARD OF TRUSTEES and LIBRARIAN**  
**READING PUBLIC LIBRARY**

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The Library has had a very active and successful year. New library hours were put into operation and have proven very satisfactory as shown by the steady increase in circulation. The distribution of a library pamphlet to all homes in Reading also activated interest in the library. A record library was established this fall and the response to this new venture has been most gratifying. The staff and custodian have continued to give efficient service, and the success of these new ventures has been due to their untiring efforts. However, due to the sharp rise in circulation, we will soon be faced with the need for another full time, trained librarian.

The facilities of the Children's Room are out of proportion with the demands placed on them, therefore it seems desirable to expand into the basement of the new stack room.

**EXCERPTS FROM THE LIBRARIAN'S REPORT TO THE TRUSTEES**

The past year has been a very interesting and stimulating one and it has kept us all stretching out to reach our goals. For several years I have felt that there was a need to increase the hours the library was open to the public. It is a great satisfaction to me that we were able to do it this year. A large number of people have taken the time to express their pleasure in the increase in hours. We are now adjusted to the hours and feel convinced that the move was a very progressive one.

The big problem before us in the next few years is that of meeting the growing needs of the children of the town. The circulation in the children's room this year was nearly half that in the adult room, and there were nearly as many new borrowers as in the adult department. Partly because of this growth and partly because of the great increase in reference work the children from grades four to eight are doing, there is need for three people in that department for part of the afternoon. There is also a definite need for more tables at which the children can work.

The library is very much alive. We can see it not only in the increased number of borrowers and increased circulation, it is evident in an intangible way in the whole spirit and attitude of those who use our facilities.



I appreciate the steady response of the clerical staff to our needs this year. They have been fine. It has been a pleasure to work with the Trustees to improve conditions in the building, and provide service to the public.

ANNA R. TURNER,

Head Librarian

### Statistical Report

Books Purchased	1955	1956
Adult .....	1,093	1,222
Juvenile .....	634	729
Gifts .....	336	155
Withdrawn .....	1,268	334
Total books on hand .....	36,346	38,118
Circulation		
Adult .....	67,848	77,106
Juvenile .....	32,150	37,563
Misc. ....	4,256	2,162
Total .....	104,254	116,831
New borrowers .....	978	1,183
Fines received .....	\$1,440.85	\$1,743.64

NOTE: See the Accountant's Report for a breakdown of library expenses and a statement on trust funds.

### REPORT OF BOARD OF APPEAL

To The Board of Selectmen

Reading, Massachusetts

The undersigned submit their report for the Board of Appeal of the Town for the year 1956.

The Board heard 35 cases on 13 hearing days. 34 were for variations of the Zoning By-Laws. One was as a result of a Board of Survey Condition. Of the total, 16 were granted, 8 were denied, 3 were dismissed, 2 were withdrawn, and 6 are pending. At the close of the year, all petitions brought before the Board had been heard.

GERALD E. FOSBROKE, Chairman

PHILIP R. WHITE, JR., Secretary

ERNEST L. NIGRO

Board of Appeal

## **RECREATION PROGRAM**

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### **Playground and Attendance**

In 1956 we had the largest attendance on our playgrounds since the recreational program was inaugurated. Supervised play was carried on in the following areas: Washington Street Playground, Memorial Park, Eaton School, Lowell Street School, Highland Street School, Prospect Street School, and Birch Meadow.

It is the hope of the Recreation Committee to open up new play areas in the Summer of 1957 on the two new sites purchased for schools; namely, Glen Meadow and the corner of Haverhill and Charles Streets.

### **Staff**

Your Committee has been most fortunate in obtaining a competent staff, consisting of people who are teachers or people who have had at least one year of college training. The staff this year took a two day course covering the technique of playground instruction, first aid, and the co-ordinating of games.

It is the hope of the Committee that it will be able to continue to obtain instructors with a college or teaching background, for it has been proven many times that their experience has made the recreational program much better.

### **Program**

One of the outstanding sports carried on in all the playgrounds was baseball. As stated in our report of 1954, "In spite of uniformed Little and Pony Leagues, enthusiasm for games between playgrounds, in an informal atmosphere, continued at a high level." The baseball program of the playgrounds is so designed to synchronize and lend its support to the uniformed league teams.

The girls for the first time on the playgrounds had an organized softball team.

Arts and crafts is one of the most active phases of the playground program. It is designed so that there is instruction for the children up and through the third grade on one day and for the older children on another day.

The interest in tennis is on the upward trend; as is archery. Special instruction is being given to the children in these two areas.

Basketball has gained a great deal of momentum over the past two years and it is the hope of the Committee that basketball standards can be erected in all playgrounds.

Special events, which include all playgrounds, are held every other week. Two of the outstanding events last summer were the Boston Childrens' Theatre Show and the carnival held the last week of the playground season. Inter-community play days have been continued with a great deal of success.

## **Winter Sports**

Our winter sports program is increasing and the attendance has been good this past year. We have had the various skating rinks supervised and hope to have some inter-park hockey contests in the coming years.

## **Needs**

One of the definite needs is swimming facilities and wading pools. At the present time there are but two wading pools available for the hundreds of children who would like to use them. Your Committee feels most strongly that there should be a wading pool at Memorial Park and a complete swimming pool located in Birch Meadow.

Lights are also needed for softball field at Birch Meadow.

## **Appreciation**

The Recreation Committee wishes to extend its thanks to the School Committee, the Board of Public Works, the Board of Selectmen, the Reading Chronicle, and many other people too numerous to mention, for their help and cooperation in making this program one of the best in Greater Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT E. TURNER, Chairman  
H. LEE DONLEY  
NEWELL H. MORTON  
ALBERT CHISHOLM  
RICHARD GALE  
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.  
LAWRENCE DREW  
WILLIAM WILLSON, JR.  
HERBERT RIXON  
C. SUMNER TEEL, Clerk

Recreation Committee

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

**BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS**

**OF THE**

**Town of Reading, Massachusetts**

**for the year ending**

**December 31, 1956**

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS

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To the Citizens of Reading:

The Board of Public Works herewith submits its annual report for the year ending December 31, 1956.

The Board organized on March 12, 1956 with Kenneth R. Johnson as Chairman, and Coleman J. Donahue as Secretary. James T. Putnam was re-appointed Superintendent.

Many problems resulting from the continued rapid growth of Reading have been of great concern to the Board of Public Works during the year 1956. Having jurisdiction over the Water, Sewer, Highway, Park and Town Dump Divisions, with their numerous sub-divisions, each new housing development has a marked effect on the several vital public utilities under its control.

Sewerage problems were extremely urgent in 1956. A housing development consisting of 89 lots and known as "Glen Meadows" was constructed in the so-called "Chinaman's Farm" adjacent to West Street. The developers agreed to install sewerage at their own expense if the Town would agree to carry sewerage mains from the Willow Street Sewage Pumping Station to the intersection of West Street, Willow Street and Summer Avenue. At a Special Town Meeting held January 30, 1956, funds were voted for the Willow Street Sewer, and the main installed. This resulted in an important extension of the public sewerage system, enabling future connection of much of the North-Westerly sectors of Reading. At the Annual March 1956 Town Meeting, the Board requested that \$150,000.00 be appropriated for Sewer Construction, in order that some relief might be given to those citizens who were in dire need of Town sewerage mains. As a result of this request, a Special Sewer Study Committee was appointed and instructed to carefully study and review the entire sewerage problem, and to report back to the Town at a specified date. This Committee has held many meetings during the year, and has received all possible assistance from the Board and its Superintendent. At a Special Town Meeting held November 19, 1956, the Special Sewer Study Committee requested the Board of Public Works to submit its recommendations for sewer construction appropriations for the year 1957, as the Special Committee report had not been completed. This the Board will do. As of December 31, 1956, sewer extension petitions totaling over one-half million dollars in cost have been filed with the Board. These petitions have been presented to the Board by groups of citizens seeking relief from insanitary conditions caused by failure of septic tanks, cesspools and leaching fields.

Storm drain installations were made on a planned program to alleviate in part some of the numerous poorly-drained sections of the Town. Petitions continue to be received from many of these localities, and the Board has installed drains at points of greatest need. By virtue of an allocation of funds from the Massachusetts Flood Relief Board, several roadways, culverts, and open drain ditches, badly damaged by the flood rains of hurricane "Diane" on August 18, 1955, were rebuilt. Chief



among these locations permanently repaired was the box culvert at Intervale Terrace, a vital link in the Birch Meadow drainage system.

Sidewalk construction under the continuous run or block-system policy was substantially advanced, with the completion of Woburn Street and Summer Avenue sidewalks and a start made on Oak Street sidewalk. Construction of primary or grade schools in outlying districts is adding tremendously to the immediate need for sidewalks for protection of school children.

The Birch Meadow High School Athletic Field drainage problem is still acute. Of the four serious culvert problems present, the Intervale **Terrace** culvert has now been corrected; funds will be requested in 1957 for the Lowell Street Culvert, and it is believed that the West-Willow-Summer Avenue culvert will be installed in 1957 as a part of West Street Chapter 90 road construction. This will leave only the Boston & Maine Railroad culvert and brook channel improvements from Lowell Street to West-Willow-Summer Avenue for attention in 1958. The brook channel Westerly of West Street has been relocated and lowered three feet by the Glen Meadows developers, from West Street to the Reading-Woburn line.

Several marked changes in charges for betterments, water main construction, water service pipe construction, and requirements for street construction by developers were instituted by the Board in 1956 as follows:

1. Sewer Frontage Assessments: Increasing costs of labor and materials for sewer construction, when reviewed following the 1955 construction period, showed the existing \$1.25 per front foot assessment to be inadequate, and the charge was increased to \$2.50 per front foot. The act creating the Town of Reading sewerage system states that 30 per cent of the cost of the system shall be levied against abutters and 70 per cent against the tax levy.
2. Water Main Construction: With the increased number of water mains required by housing developments, it was voted that henceforth all costs of water main extensions should be borne by the applicants.
3. Water Service Construction: For reasons similar to those enumerated in Water Main Construction, it was voted to charge all costs of water service construction to the applicant. The entrance fee of \$50.00 was raised to \$75.00 per service, and is deemed to be a fair charge for the water meter and ordinary maintenance of the water service.
4. Street Construction by Developers: For the proper construction of streets by developers, it was voted that all roadways in housing developments would be required to have a two-course bituminous concrete surface three inches in final compacted thickness. All sidewalks on said streets shall have a two-course two-and-one half inch bituminous concrete surface, after compaction. These regulations will result in lower maintenance costs by the Town in the future.

Other revisions in existing regulations and charges are being studied by the Board to keep in step with the rapidly changing economic standards.

The Board during the year has given much time and study to the problem of acquiring privately owned property for a suitable access road to the Business C Zoned area located Southerly of South Street, abutting State Route 128. The problems regarding this access road are manifold, and in an earnest endeavor to arrive at an equitable solution, several duly advertised public hearings were held regarding three alternate routes; qualified land appraisers were retained to estimate probable land damages; owners of private property, to be effected by the access road, interviewed, and on November 19, 1956, at a Special Town Meeting, an access road named "Jacob Way" was proposed by the Board, accepted by the Town Meeting, and an appropriation made to defray costs of land damages and road construction. At the time of writing this report, legal requirements regarding land takings are being completed, and an actual entry for road construction is anticipated in early 1957.

Relocation of Route 28, construction of which will start in 1957, has also received the attention of the Board. This new super-highway system will pass through the Westerly section of Reading, and cross Walnut, South, West and Lowell Streets. The only expense borne by the Town will be on South Street where the Town will bear the difference in cost of material only between the existing 6" water main and a new 12" water main, which will pass under the new Route 28, and improve the water distribution grid system in that area. This cost is included in the 1957 Budget.

The Board had anticipated that the report of the survey of possible water resources being conducted by the Waterways Division of the State Department of Public Works, with the assistance of geological and seismographic data, would be available for this annual report, but advices now are that the report will be forthcoming in the Spring of 1957. A complete review of the adequacy of the present water supply is of vital interest to the Board.

The Board of Public Works has endeavored to cooperate with other Town Boards and Departments during the past year and wishes to acknowledge the courtesy, help and cooperation extended to them by other Town Boards and Departments.

The Board also wishes to commend the many conscientious employees of the Department for their continued loyalty and cooperation.

Reference is made to the report of the Superintendent for a more detailed account of the activities of the various divisions which comprise the Departments supervised by the Board of Public Works.

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH R JOHNSON, Chairman  
COLEMAN J. DONAHUE, Secretary  
WALTER S. HOPKINS, JR.  
HAROLD D. KILGORE, JR.  
DOMENICK ZANNI, JR.

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

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To the Board of Public Works:

Gentlemen:

As required by Section 4, Chapter 118 of an Act authorizing the Town of Reading to establish a Board of Public Works, I respectfully submit for your consideration the thirty-sixth annual report of the Department of Public Works (Water, Highway, Sewer, Park, Engineering) and a chronicle of the principal work performed during the year 1956, with recommendations for the coming year.

### **General**

The year 1956 was an all-time peak construction year in all Public Works Department Divisions, engendered by new housing developments, Town School Construction, drainage problems, street construction and the record-breaking snow-fall. Examination of the statistical data included in this report will show that water main installation, main trunk sewer construction and many other items reached an all-time high, with expectations of new construction highs being set in 1957.

### **Water Division**

Water main installations in housing developments accounted for the greater part of main water pipe construction in 1956. One development alone contained 86 lots, most of which were built on during the year. Water mains in 6", 8", and 12" sizes were installed, totaling 17,331.66 lineal feet of mains, and twenty-four new fire hydrants were set. There are, as of December 31, 1956 a total of 70.45 miles of water mains in the distribution system. In the Glen Meadows housing development, a 12" cement lined water main totaling 2,652.0 lineal feet was installed, to improve the distribution grid system in the Westerly part of Reading. New water services in sizes from 1" to 2" were installed at 205 locations, totaling 12,481.50 lineal feet. All water mains, fire hydrants, and water services were installed by Water Division personnel. Water services were renewed at 63 locations, and many existing services were rodded and reamed to improve volume of water delivered to homes.

New water meters were installed in 162 locations; 468 meters were removed, repaired, tested and reset, and 10 obsolete meters were junked and replaced with new meters.

### **Pumping Stations**

A total of 430,214,900 gallons of water was delivered to the distribution system by Water Pumping Stations Nos. 1, 2, and 3 at Hundred Acres Meadows. This is an increase of 45,088 gallons over 1955, and sets a new pumping record for the Water Division. The annual daily average pumped in 1956 was 1,175,451 gallons, or an estimated 68.34 gallons per capita daily. Highest single day's pumpage was on Satur-

day, August 4th, 1956, with 1,981,100 gallons, and the highest seven-days' pumpage from July 30th through August 5th with a total of 13,263,600 gallons.

On July 2nd, 1956 a serious break occurred in Suction Line B, resulting in a shut-down of the main pumping station during a drought period. While the break was being repaired, it was necessary to pump from a gravel-packed well with a Fire Department pumping engine direct to the Deferrization Plant, by-passing Pumping Station No. 1. Several houses on Lothrop and Jere Roads, at a high elevation, experienced water shortages during this period, and a Civilian Defense pumping engine was utilized to pump from two hydrants, from a low elevation to a high elevation, to supply these houses with water. On December 29th, 1956, during a severe snow, sleet, and rain storm, a power failure caused by snow-laden tree limbs falling on the electric power lines caused serious damage at Pumping Station No. 1. The phase-failure relays on the 75 H. P. switchboard panel did not function, and a fire was started in the switchboard. Prompt action by the Pumping Station Engineer and the line crew of the Reading Municipal Light Department kept damage to a minimum. The station was out of service for five days, while electrical repairs were being made.

Several water main breaks, all of a minor nature, were experienced during the year, and were all promptly repaired by the Water Division.

Replacement of existing 1¼" water mains, which were inadequate to satisfy existing demands of modern house plumbing, was carried on extensively in 1956, to the limit of available funds. Inadequate 1¼" water mains totaling 1741 lineal feet were replaced with 6" water mains in four streets, and four new fire hydrants set. The water distribution system contains many miles of inadequate 1¼" mains, which cause great inconvenience to the home owners served by them, and a replacement program is being carried on by the Water Division as funds permit.

All fire hydrants were inspected, checked for leaks and other defects, re-packed and lubricated during the year. Two hydrants were damaged by motor vehicles during the year, and were replaced.

### **Deferrization Plant**

The Deferrization Plant required major attention in 1956. During the early winter months of the year, reinforced concrete coke-slats were fabricated at the Municipal Garage for use in aerator coke replacement. After the late Spring snowstorms were over, the aerator coke was removed from both contact aerators; new vertical aerator pipes installed; the new coke slats set in place; repairs effected to the aerator walls and 93 tons of new coke installed in the aerator beds. As these aerator beds are at a high elevation, it was necessary to engage a crane with clam-shell attachment to remove and replace the coke.

Immediately on completion of the aerator project, the task of removing and replacing all of the sand in the two sand filter beds was begun. Diligent search by Weston & Sampson, Consulting Engineers, and



by Water Division personnel for filter sand meeting the rigid and exacting specifications required, disclosed that the only location from which filter sand could be obtained locally was at the sand dunes in Plum Island, which are owned by the United States Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Parker River, N. W. Refuge in Newburyport. The sand dunes being situated on the Atlantic Ocean side of a wooden trestle bridge spanning the Plum Island River, posted for 10 ton capacity maximum load including vehicle, it was necessary to haul the sand from the dunes in light-weight Town Trucks; stock-pile the sand at Plum Island Airport; reload at the stock pile and haul to the filter beds in large trucks. A total of 1644 tons of sand was hauled from the dunes and deposited in the sand filters in five working days.

The final result of the aerator coke and filter sand replacement has been a marked increase in iron removal efficiency of the Deferrization Plant.

### **Well Field**

Because of the extremely severe weather conditions experienced in December 1955 and January through April 1956, much damage was caused at the well field. Flood rains in January, followed by low temperatures and heavy snowfall, resulted in complete inundation of the well field and constant rise and fall of the ice and snow cover. Several tubular well pipes, suction main connections, and well leads were broken off or ruptured, and it was necessary to test, examine and repair each tubular well in the collection system. This was done early in the Spring when the meadows in the well field drained. Following this, each tubular well was cleaned, pumped, and put back in service.

Reference is made to the various statistical tables appended hereto for additional data regarding the Water Division.



# STATISTICS FOR YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1956

## READING WATER DEPARTMENT

Reading, Middlesex County, Massachusetts

### General Statistics

Population 1955 State Census — 16,440.

Date of Construction of Pumping Stations — 1931, 1953.

By whom owned: Town of Reading.

Source of supply: artesian wells, gravel-packed wells.

Mode of supply: pumping.

### Pumping Statistics

Builders of pumping machinery: DeLaval Steam Turbine Co., A. D. Miller, Inc.

### Pumps at Hundred Acres Stations

#### Pumping Station No. 1

(A) — Pumping unit No. 1 — Electric two-stage 5/4 DeLaval 75 H.P., 1750 R.P.M., 3-phase, 60-cycle, 440-volt. 900 G.P.M.

(B) — Pumping unit No. 2 — Electric two-stage 8/6 DeLaval 125 H.P., 1750 R.P.M., 3-phase, 60-cycle, 440-volt. 1200 G.P.M.

#### Auxiliary Station No. 2

Pumping unit — Cook Rotation Electric 50 H.P., 1800 R.P.M., 3-phase, 60-cycle, 440-volt. 850 G.P.M.

Emergency drive — 4-cylinder Twin Disc Continental gasoline engine.

#### Auxiliary Station No. 3

Pumping unit — Cook Rotation Electric 20 H.P., 1800 R.P.M., 3-phase, 60-cycle, 440-volt. 550 G.P.M.

Emergency drive — 4-cylinder Twin Disc Continental gasoline engine.

K.W.H. electric power used for year — 604,800.

Total Pumpage (Venturi, Builders' Flo-watch meters — 430,214,900 gals.

Average number of gallons per K.W.H. — 711.33.

Average static head against which pumps worked — 228.

Average dynamic head against which pumps worked — 258.

Cost of pumping (per million gallons) power only — \$24.31.

Cost of pumping (per million gallons) based on total pumping station expenses — \$27.93.

Cost of filtration (per million gallons) based on cost of plant operation — \$9.76.

Cost of water supply (per million gallons pumped) figured on cost of maintenance, plus interest on bonds — \$242.85.

Kinds and sizes of pipes: Cast Iron, Galvanized Iron, Lead-Line 2¼" to 12".

Main Extensions 1956 — 6" .....	4061.10 Ft.
8" .....	10618.56 Ft.
12" .....	2652.00 Ft.

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Total ..... 17331.66 Ft.

Total Length of Pipe now in use — 70,450 miles.

No. of Hydrants added during year — 24.

No. of Hydrants Public and Private now in use — 449.

No. stop gates added during year — 73.

No. stop gates now in use — 1119.

No. stop gates smaller than 4" — 170.

No. of Blow-offs added during year — 3.

No. of Blow-offs now in use — 33.

Range of water pressure — 45 to 90 pounds.

#### STATISTICS RELATING TO SUCTION MAINS AND WELLS — 1956

Kind of Pipe — Cast Iron.

Size of Pipe — 8", 10", 12", 16".

Total Length Pipe in use — 8" — 4608.00 Ft., 10" — 882.00 Ft. 12" — 1820.00 Ft., 16" — 116.00 Ft. Total — 7426.00 Ft.

Gates on suction and force mains now in use — 8" — 4. 10" — 1. 12" — 12. 16" — 1. Total — 18.

Wells on various line — Line A — 6, Line B — 18, — Line C — 11. Line D — 12, Line E — 16, Line F — 20, Line G — 8, Line H — 13, Line I — 9, Line J — 9, Line K — 8. Total — 131.

Gravel-packed wells at auxiliary pumping stations — 2.

#### STATISTICS RELATING TO SERVICES — 1956

Kinds of Pipe — Cast Iron, Cement Lined, Galvanized Iron, Copper Tubing.

Sizes — ¾" to 6".

Services extended in 1956 — 12,481.50 feet.

No. of New Service Pipe Connections made in 1956 — 205.

No. of Services now in use — 4406.

Average length of services installed in 1956 — 60.88 feet.

No. of new water meters tested in 1956 — 162.

No. of old meters, cleaned, repaired and tested 1956 — 468.

No. of water meters junked — 10.

No. of water meters now in use — 4806.

# YEARLY RECORD OF HUNDRED ACRES PUMPING STATIONS

January 1, 1956 thru December 31, 1956

Month	No. Days	Pumped Hrs. Mins.	(Venturi Meters)			Pumpage	Power		Rainfall	Avg. Daily
			Station 1	Stations 2 & 3	Gallons Pumped		K.W.H.	Gals. per K.W.H.		
January	31	587 15	28,438,300	2,093,200		30,531,500	45,100	676.97	7.80	984,887
February	29	557 30	27,181,700	1,563,000		28,744,700	40,900	702.80	4.59	991,197
March	31	617 45	30,076,100	1,988,000		32,064,100	43,800	732.06	6.27	1,034,326
April	30	615 15	30,025,900	2,139,600		32,165,500	38,600	833.30	4.13	1,072,183
May	31	576 30	27,694,900	4,043,200		31,738,100	38,300	828.67	1.33	1,023,810
June	30	623 00	25,940,400	15,719,700		41,660,100	63,700	654.00	1.57	1,388,670
July	31	665 15	30,230,000	15,934,400		46,164,400	64,300	717.95	1.93	1,489,174
August	31	691 30	29,241,400	20,698,700		49,940,100	79,400	628.97	1.35	1,610,971
September	30	561 30	25,743,100	8,292,800		34,035,900	45,100	754.68	3.29	1,134,530
October	31	584 45	27,143,700	8,136,700		35,280,400	48,400	728.93	3.06	1,138,077
November	30	553 30	26,358,700	8,079,600		34,438,300	46,800	735.86	4.09	1,147,943
December	31	506 30	24,815,500	8,636,300		33,451,800	50,400	663.73	4.73	1,079,090
Totals	7,140 15		332,889,700	97,325,200		430,214,900	604,800	711.33	44.14	1,175,451

## HUNDRED ACRES PUMPING STATION

### COMPARATIVE TOTAL PUMPAGE OF WATER — FOR PAST 10 YEARS

Year	Total Pumpage (Gallons)	Increase or Decrease	Average Daily Pumpage	Increase or Decrease
1947 .....	268,036,800	9,210,000 (I )	727,413	18,298 (I )
1948 .....	288,389,200	20,352,400 (I )	787,948	60,535 (I )
1949 .....	324,296,900	35,907,700 (I )	888,466	100,518 (I )
1950 .....	328,962,800	4,665,900 (I )	901,265	12,799 (I )
1951 .....	324,343,400	4,619,400 (D)	888,584	12,681 (D)
1952 .....	352,404,400	28,061,000 (I )	962,854	74,270 (I )
1953 .....	405,580,000	53,175,600 (I )	1,111,178	148,324 (I )
1954 .....	374,804,000	30,776,000 (D)	1,026,860	84,318 (D)
1955 .....	412,582,400	37,778,400 (I )	1,130,363	103,503 (I )
1956 .....	430,214,900	17,632,500 (I )	1,175,451	45,088 (I )

# WATER MAIN EXTENSIONS — 1956

Street	Location	Length of Pipe		Total	Hyds. Gates
		6"	8" 12"		
Arcadia Ave.	West St., Westerly to Arnold		615.00	1735.00	2350.00
Arnold Ave.	Munroe, Westerly		884.00		884.00
Baker Rd.	Dead End, Easterly	347.00			347.00
Cape Cod Ave.	Dead End, Northerly to Lowell St.		377.00		377.00
Dana Rd.	Dead End, Westerly		642.50		642.50
Edgemont Ave.	West St., Northerly to Arcadia		1550.00		1550.00
Garrett Rd.	Shelby Rd. to Munroe Ave.		384.00		384.00
Granger Ave.	Dead End, Westerly		163.00		163.00
Grant St.	Summer Ave., Easterly	396.70			396.70
Harvard St.	Dead End, Easterly	320.00			320.00
Henzie St.	Timberneck, Northerly		741.50		741.50
Intervale Terr.	Grove St., Easterly	591.60			591.60
Jacob Way	Dead End, Easterly to John Carver		375.30		375.30
John St.	Englund Rd. to Addison-Wesley	607.50			607.50
John St. Court	Easterly to New Dump		210.00		210.00
Kieran Rd.	John St., Easterly	289.60			289.60
Laurel Lane	William Rd., Northerly		942.06		942.06
Lee St.	Mark Ave., Southwesterly		480.00		480.00
Linnea Lane	Dead End, Northerly	32.00			32.00
Main St.	Dead End, Northerly	112.00			112.00
Maria Lane	Cross to Putnam Rd.		32.00		32.00
Martin Rd.	Forest St., Northerly		323.00		323.00
Munroe Ave.	Forest St., Northerly		780.00		780.00
Pine Ridge Rd.	Arcadia, Southerly to Dead End			917.00	917.00
Prospect St.	Tying in two Dead Ends	364.30			364.30
Putnam Rd.	Dead End, Northerly	71.00			71.00
Reading Terr.	Main St., Easterly		461.60		461.60
Shelby Rd.	Putnam Rd., Northerly	22.20			411.20
Stewart Rd.	Arcadia Ave. to Garrett Rd.		710.00		710.00
Tanglewood Cir.	Edgemont Ave. to Shelby		667.00		667.00
William Rd.	Laurel Lane Southerly	127.20			127.20
	Franklin St., Westerly		671.60		671.60
Totals		4061.10	10618.56	2652.00	17331.66
				24	73



# RAINFALL AT HUNDRED ACRES PUMPING STATION

1956

Month	Normal Rainfall	1956 Rainfall	Excess or Deficiency 1956
January .....	3.51	7.80	4.29 (E)
February .....	3.18	4.59	1.41 (E)
March .....	3.76	6.27	2.51 (E)
April .....	3.72	4.13	0.41 (E)
May .....	3.22	1.33	1.89 (D)
June .....	3.33	1.57	1.76 (D)
July .....	3.19	1.93	1.26 (D)
August .....	3.44	1.35	2.09 (D)
September .....	3.54	3.29	0.25 (D)
October .....	3.01	3.06	0.05 (E)
November .....	3.65	4.09	0.44 (E)
December .....	3.49	4.73	1.24 (E)
Totals .....	41.04	44.14	3.10 (E)

## TABLE SHOWING DAILY AMOUNTS OF RAIN AND MELTED SNOW HUNDRED ACRES

1956

Day of Month	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.01	.01	...	...	...
2	.20	.50	.07	.11	.13	.41	...	...	.15	.13	...	.11
3	.22	...	.05	...	...	.58	...	...	...	...	...	.04
4	...	.30	...	.15	...	...	...	...	...	.40	...	...
5	...	...	...	...	T	...	.60	...	...	...	...	...
6	...	1.20	.74	...	.02	...	.04	.05	.58	1.10	...	...
7	...	.31	.28	...	...	...	...	...	...	.01	...	T
8	2.41	...	.35	1.40	.16	T	.30	T	...	...	.16	.40
9	1.58	.07	T	...	...	.01	...	.10	...	...	...	.45
10	.78	T	...	...	...	.02	...	...	...	...	...	...
11	.55	.66	...	...	...	...	...	...	T	...	.02	.38
12	.50	T	...	...	...	...	...	.21	.04	...	.12	.16
13	.26	...	...	T	.11	...	.32	.16	...	...	...	.04
14	.29	...	.66	...	.01	.55	.18	...	.39	...	...	1.21
15	.02	...	...	.29	.02	...	...	...	.05	...	...	.31
16	.03	...	1.12	.30	.01	...	.04	...	.40	...	.82	...
17	.49	...	T	...	...	...	...	.09	.19	...	...	...
18	...	.96	.08	T	...	...	...	.04	...	...	.14	...
19	...	...	1.40	...	...	...	...	.12	T	...	...	...
20	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.45	...	.30	...
21	...	...	...	...	...	...	.37	.20	...	...	.73	...
22	...	...	...	...	...	...	T	...	.09	.37	...	.50
23	.01	...	.32	.35	.45	...	...	...	.56	1.05	...	.23
24	...	.06	.39	...	...	T	.08	.04	...	...	...	...
25	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.40	...
26	...	...	...	.14	.15	...	...	...	...	...	.40	...
27	...	.10	...	...	.27	...	...	...	.35	...	...	T
28	T	.43	...	1.13	...	...	...	.01	.01	...	...	...
29	.01	...	.69	.26	...	...	...	.27	...	...	...	.80
30	.45	...	.09	...	...	...	...	.05	.02	...	...	.02
31	...	...	.03	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	.08
Totals	7.80	4.59	6.27	4.13	1.33	1.57	1.93	1.35	3.29	3.06	4.09	4.73
Accum. Totals	7.80	12.39	18.66	22.79	24.12	25.69	27.62	28.97	32.26	35.32	39.41	44.14

# AMOUNTS OF RAINFALL FOR YEARS 1900 THROUGH 1956 HUNDRED ACRES PUMPING STATION

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1900	5.32	8.69	5.03	2.15	4.60	3.13	1.90	3.17	4.15	3.31	5.05	2.44	48.94
1901	1.33	1.08	5.88	9.59	7.21	1.74	4.65	2.66	3.59	2.76	3.06	8.10	51.65
1902	1.80	6.11	4.69	6.22	1.69	1.98	3.02	3.75	4.01	0.99	5.60	44.77	44.77
1903	3.84	3.16	6.38	4.95	0.48	8.91	3.40	3.42	2.29	3.69	1.33	2.59	44.44
1904	4.42	2.21	2.21	9.90	3.56	2.56	1.88	4.26	5.16	2.02	1.80	2.25	42.23
1905	5.44	1.47	2.92	2.59	1.39	6.11	1.19	3.30	7.87	1.20	2.22	3.72	39.42
1906	2.60	2.53	6.48	2.84	5.14	2.63	5.88	4.18	1.36	2.38	3.31	3.08	42.41
1907	3.97	2.10	2.40	3.21	2.89	3.80	3.58	1.33	7.90	3.36	6.83	3.80	44.97
1908	3.07	4.28	2.72	1.71	4.00	1.58	3.09	4.07	0.86	3.56	1.10	2.66	32.70
1909	4.17	5.33	3.57	3.95	1.97	2.14	3.59	2.75	3.74	1.23	4.06	3.60	40.10
1910	4.54	3.14	1.58	2.32	1.19	4.36	1.98	2.61	2.45	1.48	4.30	1.92	31.87
1911	2.25	2.94	3.12	1.89	0.67	3.43	4.79	3.80	2.94	2.91	4.14	3.57	36.45
1912	2.68	2.42	5.04	4.05	5.73	0.29	6.44	2.02	3.02	1.45	3.10	4.80	41.04
1913	2.48	2.64	4.51	3.76	3.45	0.93	1.68	3.48	3.66	7.56	2.13	3.24	39.52
1914	3.34	3.65	4.09	6.32	2.76	1.44	2.34	2.78	0.23	1.51	2.92	3.69	35.07
1915	5.52	3.54	0.00	2.72	1.68	4.60	8.76	6.66	0.70	2.80	2.93	5.47	45.38
1916	1.22	5.37	3.37	5.14	4.59	5.86	3.13	2.30	3.11	1.01	1.94	2.01	39.05
1917	2.92	2.41	4.18	2.90	4.00	4.78	1.19	3.70	1.46	5.75	1.39	2.65	37.33
1918	3.08	3.02	2.02	4.10	0.85	3.04	2.99	2.81	8.37	1.02	2.24	2.48	36.02
1919	3.24	3.61	4.01	2.46	5.44	0.88	3.22	3.83	5.65	2.63	6.20	1.53	42.70
1920	2.75	6.46	4.21	5.75	3.27	5.24	1.94	2.02	4.27	1.16	4.67	4.82	46.56
1921	2.09	3.43	2.43	5.48	1.86	4.02	9.79	1.96	1.74	1.57	6.50	2.28	43.15
1922	1.77	2.72	4.27	1.37	5.08	11.27	4.88	3.29	3.68	2.73	1.06	3.12	45.24
1923	6.95	1.67	2.60	5.17	1.56	2.79	1.98	3.17	0.82	3.63	4.13	4.83	39.30
1924	3.77	2.55	1.71	4.25	3.10	2.53	2.70	4.80	7.95	0.05	2.56	1.52	37.49
1925	2.14	7.66	2.95	2.05	2.05	5.62	3.13	2.37	2.16	4.66	3.94	5.53	46.49
1926	2.53	4.41	2.83	2.24	2.19	1.80	2.08	3.30	1.32	3.95	3.89	3.08	33.62
1927	2.32	3.18	1.30	1.43	2.19	2.27	3.04	5.28	2.68	4.10	4.18	4.77	36.74
1928	2.17	3.37	1.45	5.13	2.77	6.63	3.65	3.84	4.18	2.96	2.28	2.57	41.00
1929	3.14	3.76	3.49	6.81	3.50	1.21	1.19	4.53	2.41	2.49	2.87	3.63	39.03

1930	.....	2.48	2.05	3.29	1.90	3.38	2.19	4.07	2.77	0.79	4.45	3.68	2.20	33.25
1931	.....	3.27	2.72	4.94	3.07	3.53	6.47	3.76	4.11	1.97	2.43	1.26	3.72	41.25
1932	.....	3.92	1.90	4.83	2.01	1.17	1.81	2.04	5.09	7.24	7.26	5.25	1.29	43.81
1933	.....	2.27	3.46	7.22	6.51	2.70	1.27	1.47	4.41	9.97	3.50	0.96	3.47	47.21
1934	.....	3.17	3.29	5.13	3.09	2.52	4.00	1.35	1.73	6.43	3.89	2.70	3.73	37.31
1935	.....	6.13	3.23	1.06	4.72	1.44	6.21	2.67	1.98	4.03	0.58	4.36	0.90	46.30
1936	.....	6.60	3.09	7.23	3.01	2.05	2.73	1.75	4.49	4.15	1.59	1.37	8.24	43.17
1937	.....	4.50	1.80	3.21	4.61	3.13	3.45	0.97	3.91	3.04	4.48	5.18	4.89	51.65
1938	.....	4.08	2.07	2.11	3.12	3.51	7.18	11.42	2.19	8.33	2.93	1.86	2.85	33.48
1939	.....	2.08	3.48	4.00	4.47	2.02	2.77	0.73	3.13	2.45	4.66	0.77	2.92	39.24
1940	.....	2.22	4.34	3.68	4.65	3.52	2.41	2.58	0.80	4.59	1.05	6.67	2.73	45.38
1941	.....	3.16	1.88	2.51	1.87	2.24	2.09	3.66	3.05	0.58	2.13	2.38	4.08	36.04
1942	.....	4.25	2.98	7.20	2.02	3.34	3.19	5.08	1.82	2.18	2.99	4.72	5.61	29.65
1943	.....	3.09	1.03	3.57	2.60	5.54	2.09	4.79	1.35	0.67	5.84	4.45	1.02	43.57
1944	.....	2.63	2.26	4.22	3.84	0.83	5.32	2.56	2.83	7.22	2.65	6.03	3.18	45.95
1945	.....	2.60	4.40	1.79	2.85	4.28	5.90	3.07	3.07	1.19	2.62	7.77	6.41	38.32
1946	.....	3.91	3.06	1.57	2.74	5.26	3.39	1.90	8.64	2.37	0.37	1.02	4.09	39.91
1947	.....	3.10	1.03	3.69	4.91	3.27	2.58	5.83	1.44	3.33	0.44	6.24	3.09	38.73
1948	.....	4.33	2.11	2.84	2.63	5.38	4.63	4.83	1.08	1.00	3.08	5.41	1.41	34.39
1949	.....	3.47	3.28	1.25	4.25	3.37	0.84	1.78	5.05	4.28	1.93	3.03	1.86	36.68
1950	.....	4.41	3.12	3.67	1.95	1.38	1.38	1.91	4.19	1.56	3.27	6.31	3.53	47.11
1951	.....	3.33	3.79	4.76	1.87	4.74	3.47	4.72	2.11	1.77	5.15	6.84	4.56	42.44
1952	.....	4.64	3.71	3.67	4.45	5.14	1.50	0.93	8.85	1.83	1.32	2.27	4.14	38.23
1953	.....	6.72	2.96	7.57	5.43	4.81	1.09	2.31	0.64	1.46	5.52	5.91	3.81	54.45
1954	.....	2.34	2.53	3.13	3.93	10.97	1.46	2.16	5.88	9.92	1.61	5.27	5.25	48.58
1955	.....	0.63	3.69	4.17	3.18	1.86	3.29	1.17	12.45	2.29	8.95	5.88	1.02	44.14
1956	.....	7.80	4.59	6.27	4.13	1.33	1.57	1.93	1.35	3.29	3.06	4.09	4.73	41.47
Average ..	3.51	3.18	3.76	3.72	3.22	3.33	3.19	3.44	3.54	3.65	3.49	3.65	3.49	41.47

# KINDS AND SIZES OF WATER METERS IN USE JANUARY 1, 1957

Make	5/8"	3/4"	1"	1 1/4"	1 1/2"	2"	3"	4"	6"	8"	Totals
Nash .....	1470		17	1	4	2					1494
Empire .....	1029						2				1031
Trident .....	1040	2	5		3	5	3		1		1059
Hersey .....	531	11	24	6	8	7	1	1		1	590
Gamon .....	277	2									279
Pittsburgh .....	149	13		2							164
Crown .....	41	2	1		3	9					56
Worthington .....	30					1	2		2		35
Lambert .....	43		2								45
Union .....	34		1				1		1		37
Federal .....	2										2
Thompson .....	4										4
Keystone .....	1			8							9
Gem .....							1				1
Totals .....	4651	28	52	17	18	24	10	1	4	1	4806

### Highway Division

The following major improvements to the highway system in 1956 were as follows:

- Arthur B. Lord Drive: Original construction, voted at Special Town Meeting January 30, 1956 as access road to Forest Street School, from Forest Street to Birch Meadow Drive Extension. Work included tree and brush removal, ledge removal, peat removal, drainage installation, ordinary and gravel borrow, all of which was accomplished by the Highway Division personnel.
- Martin Road: Constructed from Forest Street to dead end under Betterment Act.
- Grant Street: Constructed from Summer Avenue to dead end under Betterment Act.
- Pine Ridge Road: Constructed from South Street to the accepted portion of Pine Ridge Road under Betterment Act.
- Margaret Road: Constructed from Parkman Road North-Westerly 240 feet to dead end under Betterment Act.
- Indiana Avenue: Constructed in its entirety from Southerly of Virginia Road to Northerly of California Road under Betterment Act.
- High Street: Applied Class I Bituminous Concrete Type I-1 surfacing over existing surface from Woburn Street to Vine Street.
- Birch Meadow Drive: Applied Class D Bituminous Macadam Surfacing Type D-1 over existing oiled-gravel surface from Main Street to Oakland Road.
- Chapter 90 Maint.: Mixed-in-place wearing surface applied to section of Haverhill Street, and surface-sealed with penolithic key-stone to State specifications.

Heavy frosts during December of 1955, flood rains of January 1956 with resultant rapid defrosting of highways, coupled with record snow-storms of March and April 1956, seriously damaged main road surfaces. These facts, coupled with the street openings for public utility installations made in 1955, made an accelerated roadway maintenance program imperative. The new Elgin mechanical street sweeper purchased early in the season worked constantly to good advantage removing sand from streets, deposited by winter sanding operations, and also prepared streets for surface-seal operations.

As early in the Summer season as weather conditions permitted, a street resurfacing program was started on a planned schedule, and 37,887 gallons of road oil were used to surface-treat approximately 155,321



square yards of roadway. On other streets, where the road surface had been deformed by utility excavations and other causes, it was necessary to apply mixed-in-place surfacing with road oils and stone cover to restore the properly crowned roadway surface. This work was accomplished in five locations comprising 6,496 square yards, using 9,926 gallons of road oils.

The sidewalk construction program was substantially advanced during 1956. Cement concrete sidewalks were installed abutting 829.11 lineal feet of property on Lothrop Road during street betterment construction, and bituminous concrete sidewalks were installed abutting 3,457.60 lineal feet of property in the block system plan of betterment sidewalk construction. Block system sidewalks were installed under the Betterment Act, with the abuttor and Town sharing equally in the cost of construction, on Woburn Street, Summer Avenue and Oak Street. All block system sidewalks were installed by contract.

No funds were appropriated for granite curbing installation in 1956, and no curbing under the Betterment Act was installed. Several corner curb installations were made to correct dangerous traffic conditions. There are on file a total of 47 curbing applications for future installations when funds are again available.

The following table illustrates Storm Water Drainage Construction in 1956:

#### Storm Water Drainage Construction — 1956

Street	Length of Pipe	No. C/Bs	No. M/Hs
Arthur B. Lord Drive .....	570.6 Ft.	5	2
Birch Meadow Drive .....	60.0		
Essex Street .....	141.8		1
Forest Street .....	598.2	2	4
Franklin Street .....	787.5	4	4
Grove Street .....	1328.8	10	11
Hartshorn Street .....	60.2		1
Harvard Street .....	345.9	2	4
Henzie Street .....	228.5	2	1
King Street .....	50.0	1	
Martin Road .....	61.0	2	
Meadow Brook Lane .....	162.5	1	1
Pearl Street .....	162.9	2	1
Pine Ridge Road .....	219.9		1
Willow Street .....	40.0		
Totals .....	4816.90 Ft.	62	31

A contract was let for drainage installation on Essex, Franklin, Grove, Hartshorn, Harvard and Pearl Streets; the other drains listed were installed by Highway Division personnel. Several particularly dangerous and aggravating drainage problems were eliminated by these drain installations.

In addition to the storm drains listed in the preceding table, the following listed work was accomplished with funds allocated by the State Flood Relief Board to the Town of Reading to permanently repair damage caused by Hurricane "Diane" on August 17-18, 1955:

#### Work Done Under Flood Relief Funds — 1956

Location	Work Done
Salem Street Near Wakefield Town Line	Build 2 Catch Basins, Install 60' ft. of 12" Concrete Drain Pipe, Construct 150 Ft. of Sidewalk and Bituminous Concrete Berm. Build 2 headwalls.
Track Road — From Line Road to Quann. Drain	Construct 122 Ft. of 15" Concrete Drain Pipe, and Build 2 Catch Basins.
John Street — At Culvert Crossing Near Stove Foundry	Construct 2 Catch Basins and Install 60' of Concrete Drain Pipe.
Forest Street — Near Van Norden Road	Raise Roadway Grade, Construct Bituminous Concrete Sidewalks South Side, 200 L.F. Increase width of Roadway North Lane.
Intervale Terrace — At Lowell Street	Construct 45 L.F. of 6' x 4' Reinforced Concrete Box Culvert. Raise Roadway Grade, Construct 2 Catch Basins, Construct Headwalls and Wing Walls.
Summer Avenue — At Prospect Street	Construct Drop Manhole at Existing Drain Manhole, Remove and Relay ,at lesser gradient 40 L.F. of 12" Drain Pipe.
Glenmere Circle — Main Drainage Brook	Rip Rap Existing Brook at Washouts.
Howard Street —County Road to West Street	Apply mixed-in-place road surface.

The most important of the Flood Relief projects was the construction of the Intervale Terrace reinforced concrete box culvert. This 6'x4' culvert replaced a stone box culvert of inadequate dimensions which had long been a "bottleneck" in the Birch Meadow Brook drainage system. All work under Flood Relief was accomplished by Highway Divi-

sion personnel. The State Flood Relief Board has approved the sum of \$17,595.02 for work accomplished, at no direct cost to the Town of Reading.

Maintenance of storm drains has been continued during the year, with many open drain brooks, ditches, and channels cleared of debris, deepened and widened to permit the free flow of surface water. The mechanical catch basin cleaner and crane purchased in September 1955 has been in constant use throughout the year cleaning debris from catch basins, culverts and open drain ditches. The Spring of 1956 found many catch basins completely filled with sand from Winter, street sanding operations. As of December 31, 1956, there are nearly 1300 catch basins in the Town's storm drainage system. The Quannapowitt Drain ditch was thoroughly cleaned with a hired drag-line crane from Track Road West to John Street. This is a particularly difficult section, passing as it does through an unstable swamp and requiring the use of timber mats by the crane to safely traverse the swampland.

### **Snow and Ice**

Expenditures for the removal of snow and ice from highways reached an all-time high in 1956, a total of \$92,165.22 having been expended for this purpose. The early months of 1956 presented no particular problem, as during the months of January and February, only nine snow storms occurred, totaling twenty-seven inches of snow, and including three plowable storms. Sanding was carried on extensively, as the low temperatures and slow accumulation of snow during six snowstorms became packed by traffic on roadways. During the year, 5,658 tons of sand and 171 tons of salt were used in highway sanding operations. From March 14th to April 8th, 1956, a record breaking series of snow storms occurred, resulting in a total precipitation of sixty-four inches of snowfall in twenty-six days being deposited by eleven snow storms. These storms were particularly difficult to plow, as high gale winds caused serious drifting on many streets. Despite the severe strain on personnel and equipment, snow removal operations were at all times under full control, with snow plowing and snow removal operations following each other in rapid succession with little respite. No major equipment break-downs occurred during the storms. During this series of storms, the services of the Municipal Light Department, Cemetery Department and Tree and Moth Department snowplow trucks and operating personnel were voluntarily offered and gratefully accepted for highway snow-plowing. This act exemplified the fine spirit of co-operation between Departments in the Town of Reading, where, during emergencies, inter-departmental aid is always present. The final snowstorm of the 1956 Spring season occurred on April 23rd, 1956. The first plowable snowstorm of the 1956 Fall and Winter snow period occurred on December 9, 1956, with a total precipitation of seven inches, followed by storms of eight inches on December 14th, six inches on December 22nd, and nine inches on December 29th, 1956. In all, during the calendar year of 1956, thirty-six snow storms were recorded in the Town of Reading, eleven of which were under 1" depth, seven were two inches or

less in depth, six were four inches or less in depth, and twelve of which were 4" to 14" in depth and required highway plowing. A total of 144 inches of snowfall was recorded at Hundred Acres Pumping Station in 1956, computed by accepted methods.

### **John Street Dump**

As anticipated, the dumping area Northerly of the Quannapowitt Drain became filled in the early Fall months, and a newly excavated area Southerly of the Quannapowitt Drain was utilized. This area is more readily maintained than the first area named, the entire dumping area being enclosed on three sides by the excavated peat, sand, and clay, which was so deposited as to form high embankments. A semi-sanitary land-fill operation is being accomplished, by daily burning of combustibles, bulldozing of remaining debris into the excavated, water-filled pit, and covering with gravel borrow. To control the burning, an 8" water main was laid from John Street easterly to the dumping area, and a fire hydrant installed. As a further precaution, with the assistance of the Reading and Wakefield Fire Departments, the marsh area between the Quannapowitt Drain and the Reading-Wakefield Town Line was burned over, to eliminate any possible fire hazard. Stumps, log and brush are still disposed of in the area Northerly of the Quannapowitt Drain ditch.

The rodent control program accomplished in 1955 was so complete that no further need for such was found necessary in 1956, after a thorough survey of the dump area.

### **Park and Payground Division**

Although greatly delayed by the heavy snowfall of March and April, 1956 which thoroughly saturated and softened the baseball and softball play areas, regular Spring maintenance of all Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation areas was accomplished, and continued throughout the year, and during the Supervised Play period in July and August, the Park Division worked in close co-ordination with the Recreation Committee and its Director. A brief resume of work accomplished at the several Parks and Playgrounds follows:

#### **Memorial Park:**

The two tennis courts were completely restored, with bituminous macadam surfacing; loamed and seeded areas renewed; fences rebuilt, and benches installed. The two skating areas were completed, with embankments graded, loamed, and seeded, and several large boulders were removed from the embankment by drilling and blasting. Poles were erected at the proper locations, and flood lights installed for night ice hockey and skating.

Birch Meadow Playground:

The new skating area of approximately two acres was cleared of trees, stumps and brush, and excavated to the planned depth. As this area will be bounded on three sides by Birch Meadow Drive Extension, scheduled for construction in 1957, final grading of the sloped embankments was not attempted during 1956. The skating area flooded early in the Fall, and excellent skating has been enjoyed during the Winter season. As this area had no access from the South, being situated on the Northerly side of Birch Meadow Drain Ditch, a 72" metal culvert was installed at the Northerly terminus of John Carver Road in the drain ditch, and covered with gravel to permit access to the skating area. Birch Meadow Drive Extension will cross the drain ditch over this culvert.

Sturges Park:

Extensive construction operations were carried on at this location during the year. A regulation-size ice hockey rink was excavated at the Northerly edge of the general ice skating area; poles were erected at selected locations, and floodlights installed to illuminate both the hockey rink and the general ice skating area. The hockey rink was not completed during the year but has been usable for the Winter season. A 48" culvert was installed under South Street complete with concrete headwalls and flash-boards, to prevent a repetition of flood waters from the Park overflowing South Street. Trees and brush were cut from the area Northerly of the hockey rink, and loam and topsoil removed by a bulldozer to prepare the area for reclamation. West Street Chapter 90 Construction, definitely scheduled for 1957, will permit filling of this area and elevating same to a planned grade, following which it will be loamed, seeded and a play area for Summer sports realized. Sturges Park



has long been a popular Winter sports area, but no area has heretofore been available for Summer use.

**Hunt Park:**

Little League ball field was renovated in the Spring, when weather conditions permitted, and was maintained during the baseball season, and in the Fall the infield was entirely rebuilt. Dragline operations were again utilized to remove peat from an additional area of undeveloped swampland Westerly of Little League field, and waste material from street, drain and sewer construction used as fill. It is anticipated that, in 1957, an additional area may be reclaimed, and that in 1958 a baseball field for public use may be realized.

**Washington Street Ball Park:**

No major improvements were accomplished at this Park during the year; regular maintenance only being done. The ball field was in great demand by the several organized leagues and careful scheduling of use was necessary to satisfy all requests for playing dates. League managers are urged to submit 1957 game schedules as early in 1957 as is possible, to permit proper allocation of dates.

### **Sewer Division**

Additional appropriations for Sewer Construction, coupled with the development of Glen Meadows Estates by Realty Construction and Engineering, Inc., extended the main trunk sewerage system 11,914.44 lineal feet in 1956. At a Special Town Meeting held January 30, 1945, the sum of \$21,000.00 was appropriated for construction of a main trunk sewer on Willow Street from Willow Street Sewage Pumping Station to the intersection of West Street, Willow Street and Summer Avenue. Through an agreement made with Realty Construction, dependent on the availability of a sewerage connection at the previously described street intersection, Realty Construction at their own expense installed 5958.41 lineal feet of sewerage mains in West Street and in five streets in Glen Meadows development, under the supervision of Engineering Division inspectors. The Town paid the difference in cost of materials only for a larger diameter sewerage main on certain streets in the development, to insure mains of adequate size for future use of areas such as Winslow Road, Glenmere Circle, Springvale Road, and other hitherto inaccessible public streets.

As a summary, main trunk sanitary sewers totaling 11,914.44 lineal feet were laid in 14 streets, including 56 sewer manholes, for a total of 156 possible sewer house connections. Sewer Division personnel laid 530.0 lineal feet of sewers, developers laid 6,944.89 lineal feet, and contractors 4,439.55 lineal feet.

The sewers laid by the Sewer Division, both short extensions, were particularly difficult to construct, as rock ledge was encountered in large amounts. These extensions, on High Street and Mt. Vernon Street, were necessary to afford relief to residents whose private sewerage systems had failed entirely.

Sewer house connections were to 126 dwelling houses and 45 connections were installed to street lines on West Street in anticipation of Chapter 90 street construction. Sewer house connection installations totaled 7711.83 lineal feet.

Maintenance of sewer trunk lines was continued throughout the year, augmented by the purchase of a powered bucket-type sewer cleaning rig, which makes it possible for Sewer Division Maintenance employees to thoroughly clean sewers without entering the sewer manholes. Several main sewer stoppages were experienced during the year, mainly from the intrusion of tree roots through defective joints. Four sewer house connections were re-laid for the same reason.

Willow Street Sewage Pumping Station has operated efficiently during the year, with greatly increased pumpage due to the 1956 sewerage extensions to Lowell Street, Bond Street, High Street, Willow and West Streets and the New Glen Meadows development. After completion of the Willow Street sewer, which was laid in particularly swampy terrain, it was necessary to clean the inlet mains and the wet-well sump pit. This was done at the contractor's expense.

The following tables illustrate the present status of the Reading Sewerage System:

# **MAIN TRUNK SEWER EXTENSIONS — 1956** (Size and Length of Pipe)

Street	Location	8" VC 8" AC 10" AC 12" AC Tees MH YS					Total Poss.
		8"	VC	8" AC	10" AC	12" AC	Length Conn.
* Arcadia Ave. ....	West St. to Shelby Rd. ....	560.80			1614.35	2	7 12 1614.35
California Rd. ....	Pennsylvania Ave. to Indiana Ave. ....	273.00				2	2 8 560.80
* Cape Cod Ave. ....	Wood End, Northerly .....	1225.21				2	2 7 273.00
* Edgemont Ave. ....	West St. to Arcadia Ave. ....					5	15 1225.21
* Garrett Rd. ....	Shelby Rd. to Munroe Ave. ....				384.00	2	2 3 384.00
High St. ....	Lowell St., Southerly .....	315.00				2	2 2 315.00
Indiana Ave. ....	Complete .....	429.60				4	8 429.60
* Munroe Ave. ....	Garrett Rd., Southerly .....				384.00	1	2 384.00
Mt. Vernon St. ....	Bancroft Ave. — Kingston .....	215.00				2	2 3 215.00
Oak Ridge Rd. ....	Sylvan — Southerly .....	631.75				3	2 7 631.75
* Shelby Rd. ....	Garrett Rd. to Arcadia Ave. ....				713.48	1	2 5 713.48
* Stewart Rd. ....	Edgemont Ave. to Shelby Rd. ....				435.90	2	2 6 435.90
West St. ....	Willow St. to Woburn St. ....	3177.35				22	16 29 3177.35
Willow St. ....	B. & M. R.R. to Summer Ave. ....				1555.00	6	7 1555.00
Totals		6827.71	435.90	1481.48	3169.35	40	56 107 11914.44
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\*Indicates Work Done by Developer

## LENGTH OF MAIN SEWERS — 1956

Street	5'	6'	8'	10"	12"	15"	18"	20"	24"	Total
Arcadia Ave.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1614.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	1614.35
Arlington St.	.....	.....	399.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	399.80
Ash St.	.....	.....	1062.90	.....	.....	258.80	.....	.....	.....	1321.70
Bancroft Ave.	.....	72.50	1366.79	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1439.29
Berkeley St.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1256.10
Bond St.	.....	.....	1032.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1032.65
Boyce St.	.....	.....	516.87	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	516.87
Brook St.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	847.60
California Rd.	.....	.....	560.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	560.80
Cape Cod Ave.	.....	82.00	809.65	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	891.65
Center Ave.	.....	.....	620.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	620.60
Chapin Ave.	.....	529.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	529.00
Charles St.	.....	75.00	845.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	920.00
Chute St.	.....	.....	402.13	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	593.13
Copeland Ave.	.....	.....	500.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	500.00
County Rd.	.....	.....	735.73	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	735.73
Crosby Rd.	.....	309.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	309.30
Deering St.	.....	107.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	107.00
Dudley St.	.....	349.74	374.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	724.24
Eaton St.	.....	.....	371.83	95.40	622.70	907.70	.....	.....	.....	1530.40
Echo Ave.	.....	.....	1225.21	.....	79.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	546.23
Edgemont Ave.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1225.21
Edwin St.	.....	198.62	489.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	198.62
Elliott St.	.....	.....	383.28	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	489.00
Elm St.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	383.28
Fairview Ave.	.....	.....	1084.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1084.30
Fremont St.	.....	.....	456.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	456.50
Gardner Rd.	.....	.....	475.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	475.00
Garrett Rd.	.....	.....	.....	384.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	384.00
Gilmore Ave.	181.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	181.80
Glen Rd.	.....	602.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	602.00
Gould St.	.....	.....	296.39	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	469.09
Grand St.	.....	767.35	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	767.35
Green St.	.....	175.20	1717.40	.....	.....	821.60	.....	.....	.....	2714.20
Hancock St.	.....	250.00	.....	.....	1011.80	.....	.....	.....	.....	1261.80
Harnden St.	.....	.....	559.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	559.30
Harrison St.	.....	.....	.....	565.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1387.50
Haven St.	.....	236.50	1752.80	.....	822.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	1989.30
High St.	.....	.....	746.47	1338.05	736.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	2820.62
High School	.....	.....	100.00	2500.00	4396.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	6996.00
Hillcrest Rd.	.....	.....	965.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	965.30
Howard St.	.....	1518.00	1110.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2628.00
Indiana Ave.	.....	.....	429.60	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	429.60
Interceptors	.....	.....	205.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2937.00
Jere Rd.	.....	.....	195.46	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	195.46
John St.	.....	602.30	266.00	.....	.....	569.60	.....	.....	.....	1616.40
King St.	.....	889.57	175.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1064.57
Kingston St.	.....	.....	719.30	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	719.30
Lewis St.	.....	.....	932.16	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	932.16
Lincoln St.	.....	.....	.....	573.40	538.10	.....	.....	.....	.....	1111.50
Linden St.	.....	187.20	304.40	735.50	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1226.90
Longview Rd.	.....	395.00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	395.00
Lothrop Rd.	.....	.....	1274.52	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1274.52

Lowell St.	101.16	1418.10	955.50	234.90	1519.26
Maple St.	.....	1246.10	.....	.....	2436.50
Middle St.	.....	189.20	.....	.....	189.20
Middlesex Ave.	.....	313.60	.....	.....	313.60
Mineral St.	200.38	1423.40	.....	.....	1625.78
Minot St.	627.25	438.40	.....	.....	1068.63
Morgan Park	.....	1409.65	.....	.....	1309.65
Mt. Vernon St.	.....	.....	312.49	.....	312.49
Munroe Ave.	.....	1043.52	160.00	.....	1203.52
Nichols Rd.	433.34	.....	384.00	.....	384.00
Oak St.	.....	.....	.....	.....	433.34
Oak Ridge Rd.	.....	1802.00	.....	.....	1802.00
Orange St.	.....	947.55	.....	.....	947.55
Orchard Park Dr.	.....	1125.00	396.21	.....	1521.21
Park Ave.	444.00	.....	.....	.....	444.00
Parker St.	.....	507.30	322.70	.....	830.00
Pearl St.	330.00	427.00	.....	.....	427.00
Pennsylvania Ave.	.....	757.40	855.55	.....	1942.95
Perkins Ave.	.....	628.00	.....	.....	628.00
Pierce St.	.....	400.00	.....	.....	400.00
Pine Ave.	.....	250.10	.....	.....	250.10
Pine Ridge Rd.	.....	226.00	.....	.....	226.00
Pleasant St.	.....	1035.15	.....	.....	1035.15
Pratt St.	.....	1496.80	843.96	.....	2340.76
Prescott St.	186.00	776.30	.....	.....	962.30
Prospect St.	.....	2529.26	1174.10	.....	3703.36
Rachel Rd.	532.00	1260.00	.....	.....	1792.00
Salem St.	.....	440.00	.....	.....	440.00
Sanborn St.	.....	1082.10	132.50	.....	1214.60
School St.	.....	716.30	.....	.....	716.30
Scotland Rd.	.....	688.25	.....	.....	688.25
Shelby Rd.	500.00	901.73	.....	.....	1401.73
Slisbee Ave.	.....	.....	.....	.....	713.48
Smith Ave.	.....	320.51	.....	.....	320.51
Spring St.	.....	.....	475.00	.....	475.00
Stewart Rd.	.....	435.90	.....	.....	435.90
Summer Ave.	436.19	4143.85	.....	.....	4580.04
Sunnyside Ave.	434.60	264.00	.....	.....	698.60
Sweetser Ave.	.....	334.30	.....	.....	334.30
Sylvan Rd.	.....	239.85	.....	.....	239.85
Temple St.	896.76	.....	661.39	.....	1991.04
Thorndike St.	204.00	432.89	.....	.....	204.00
Union St.	.....	.....	.....	.....	303.60
Village St.	.....	303.60	.....	487.80	1503.40
Virginia Rd.	.....	1015.60	.....	.....	125.00
Vista Ave.	.....	.....	.....	.....	300.00
Warren St.	.....	715.00	.....	.....	715.00
Washington St.	.....	1324.90	.....	1574.30	3458.90
Wenda St.	.....	.....	246.80	.....	300.00
West St.	1283.90	3343.60	.....	.....	4627.50
Willow St.	.....	.....	.....	.....	1555.00
Wilson St.	.....	471.40	1555.00	.....	804.50
Woburn St.	.....	.....	333.10	.....	4885.05
Wood End Lane	815.80	152.60	917.40	.....	229.45
Totals	1361.30	64525.66	16505.04	1809.20	120734.89
				3758.10	
				487.80	
				2870.60	



# LENGTH OF SEWER UNDERDRAINS AND SEWERS IN STREETS — 1956

Street	Length of Underdrains				Total Length Sewers and Under- drains	
	5"	6"	8"	10"	Total	
Arcadia Ave. ....						1614.35
Arlington St. ....						399.80
Ash St. ....	237.00			258.80	495.80	1817.50
Bancroft Ave. ....						1439.29
Berkeley St. ....		456.00			456.00	1712.10
Bond St. ....						1032.65
Boyce St. ....						516.87
Brook St. ....		847.60			847.60	1695.20
California Rd. ....						560.80
Cape Cod Ave. ....						891.65
Center Ave. ....	620.60				620.60	1241.20
Chapin Ave. ....						529.00
Charles St. ....						920.00
Chute St. ....						593.13
Copeland Ave. ....						500.00
County Rd. ....						735.73
Crosby Rd. ....						309.30
Deering St. ....						107.00
Dudley St. ....						724.24
Eaton St. ....		1002.70	527.70		1530.40	3060.80
Echo Ave. ....		528.83			528.83	1075.06
Edgemont Ave. ....						1225.21
Edwin St. ....						198.62
Elliott St. ....						489.00
Elm St. ....	383.28				383.28	766.56
Fairview Ave. ....		1084.30			1084.30	2168.60
Fremont St. ....		456.50			456.50	913.00
Gardner Rd. ....						475.00
Garrett Rd. ....						384.00
Gilmore Ave. ....						181.80
Glen Rd. ....						602.00
Gould St. ....						469.09
Grand St. ....						767.35
Green St. ....	836.90	979.10			1811.00	4525.20
Hancock St. ....						1261.80
Harnden St. ....						559.30
Harrison St. ....						1387.50
Haven St. ....		588.20			588.20	2577.50
High St. ....		478.70	736.10		1214.80	4035.42
High School (main) ..						6996.00
Hillcrest Rd. ....		450.40			450.40	1415.70
Howard St. ....		2550.00			2550.00	5178.00
Indiana Ave. ....						429.60
Interceptors ....		2937.00			2937.00	5874.00
Jere Rd. ....						195.46
John St. ....		748.10			748.10	2364.50
King St. ....		175.00			175.00	1239.67
Kingston St. ....	609.30	110.00			719.30	1438.60
Lewis St. ....						932.16
Lincoln St. ....			1111.50		1111.50	2223.00
Linden St. ....	290.40	444.90			735.30	1962.20
Longview Rd. ....						395.00
Lothrop Rd. ....						1274.52
Lowell St. ....						1519.26

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Street	Length of Underdrains				Total Length Sewers and Under- drains	
	5"	6"	8"	10"	Total	drains
Main St. ....		1246.10	955.50	234.90	2436.50	4873.00
Maple St. ....	189.20				189.20	378.40
Middle St. ....						313.60
Middlesex Ave. ....	254.00				254.00	1877.78
Mineral St. ....						1065.65
Minot St. ....	972.65	437.00			1409.65	2819.30
Morgan Park ....						312.49
Mt. Vernon St. ....		230.30			230.30	1433.82
Munroe Ave. ....						384.00
Nichols Rd. ....						433.34
Oak St. ....						1802.00
Oak Ridge Rd. ....						947.55
Orange St. ....		1521.21			1521.21	3042.42
Orchard Park Dr. ....						444.00
Park Ave. ....	507.30		322.70		830.00	1660.00
Parker St. ....						427.00
Pearl St. ....		855.55			855.55	2798.50
Pennsylvania Ave. ....						628.00
Perkins Ave. ....						400.00
Pierce St. ....		155.20			155.20	405.30
Pine Ave. ....	226.00				226.00	452.00
Pine Ridge Rd. ....						1035.15
Pleasant St. ....		374.00	469.80		843.80	3184.56
Pratt St. ....	252.20	303.30			555.50	1517.80
Prescott St. ....	1070.60	2091.80			3162.40	6865.76
Prospect St. ....	886.00				886.00	2678.00
Rachel Rd. ....						440.00
Salem St. ....	543.00	77.20	132.50		752.70	1967.30
Sanborn St. ....	200.00				200.00	916.30
School St. ....						688.25
Scotland Rd. ....		1401.73			1401.73	2803.46
Sigsbee Ave. ....		320.51			320.51	641.02
Shelby Rd. ....						713.48
Smith Ave. ....						475.00
Spring St. ....						393.50
Stewart Rd. ....						435.90
Summer Ave. ....						4580.04
Sunnyside Ave. ....	432.60	222.00			654.60	1353.20
Sweetser Ave. ....	175.00				175.00	509.30
Sylvan Rd. ....						239.85
Temple St. ....		40.00			40.00	2031.04
Thorndike St. ....						204.00
Union St. ....						303.60
Village St. ....		825.00			825.00	2328.40
Virginia Rd. ....						125.00
Vista Ave. ....		288.00			288.00	588.00
Warren Ave. ....	715.00				715.00	1430.00
Washington St. ....		724.00	246.80	1663.20	2634.00	6092.90
Wenda St. ....						300.00
West St. ....						4627.50
Willow St. ....						1555.00
Wilson St. ....			804.50		804.50	1609.00
Woburn St. ....	1196.00		917.40		2113.40	6998.45
Wood End Lane ....						229.45
Totals .....	10597.03	24950.23	6224.50	2156.90	43923.66	164657.95

**LENGTH OF SEWER HOUSE CONNECTIONS RUN EITHER TO CURB,  
HOUSE OR CONNECTED**

Street	Curb	House	Conn.	Total Length
Arcadia Ave. ....			1,038.80	1,038.80
Arlington St. ....			416.10	416.10
Ash St. ....			976.90	976.90
Bancroft Ave. ....			1,312.40	1,312.40
Berkeley St. ....			1,489.40	1,489.40
Bond St. ....			206.80	206.80
Boyce St. ....			409.40	409.40
Brook St. ....		85.50	759.00	844.50
California Rd. ....			65.50	65.50
Cape Cod Ave. ....			161.00	161.00
Center Ave. ....			425.00	425.00
Chapin Ave. ....			280.40	280.40
Charles St. ....			897.50	897.50
Chute St. ....			219.00	219.00
Copeland Ave. ....			506.00	506.00
County Rd. ....			487.10	487.10
Crosby Rd. ....			385.11	385.11
Deering St. ....			175.50	175.50
Dudley St. ....			674.90	674.90
Eaton St. ....			814.40	814.40
Echo Ave. ....			256.20	256.20
Edgemont Ave. ....			994.90	994.90
Edwin St. ....			265.00	265.00
Elliott St. ....			622.00	622.00
Elm St. ....			157.10	157.10
Fairview Ave. ....			736.10	736.10
Fremont St. ....			209.00	209.00
Fulton St. ....			44.00	44.00
Gardner Rd. ....			501.50	501.50
Garrett Rd. ....			284.20	284.20
Gilmore Ave. ....			81.80	81.80
Glen Rd. ....			580.60	580.60
Gould St. ....			627.70	627.70
Grand St. ....			693.10	693.10
Green St. ....	36.00	173.00	2,473.21	2,682.21
Hancock St. ....			427.00	427.00
Harnden St. ....	32.00		257.80	289.80
Harrison St. ....			844.80	844.80
Haven St. ....	128.50	79.00	2,093.00	2,300.50
High St. ....	22.00		1,175.55	1,197.55
Hillcrest Rd. ....			631.80	631.80
Howard St. ....			2,306.10	2,306.10
Ide St. ....			56.50	56.50
Indiana Ave. ....	16.00	52.33	293.80	362.13
Jere Rd. ....			309.00	309.00
John St. ....			1,527.30	1,527.30
King St. ....			879.10	879.10
Kingston St. ....			636.00	636.00
Lewis St. ....			555.70	555.70
Lincoln St. ....	44.00		370.00	414.00
Linden St. ....			849.60	849.60
Longview Rd. ....			304.50	304.50
Lothrop Rd. ....			309.40	309.40
Lowell St. ....			466.50	466.50
Main St. ....	252.50	99.00	2,674.25	3,025.75

**Length of Sewer House Connections Run Either to Curb,  
House or Connected — Continued**

Street	Curb	House	Conn.	Total Length
Maple St. ....			135.60	135.60
Middle St. ....			80.50	80.50
Middlesex Ave. ....		96.50	1,411.00	1,507.50
Mineral St. ....			414.70	414.70
Minot St. ....		77.00	879.20	956.20
Morgan Pk. ....			87.60	87.60
Mount Vernon St. ....			1,255.70	1,255.70
Munroe Ave. ....			227.00	227.00
Nichols Rd. ....			158.00	158.00
Oak St. ....			842.40	842.40
Oak Ridge Rd. ....			179.20	179.20
Orange St. ....			363.60	363.60
Orchard Park Drive ....			515.84	515.84
Palmer Hill Ave. ....	52.00			52.00
Park Ave. ....			324.60	324.60
Parker St. ....			302.50	302.50
Pearl St. ....			1,234.90	1,234.90
Pennsylvania Ave. ....			112.40	112.40
Perkins Ave. ....			434.80	434.80
Pierce St. ....			110.20	110.20
Pine Ave. ....			46.00	46.00
Pine Ridge Rd. ....			423.90	423.90
Pleasant St. ....			1,899.30	1,899.30
Pratt St. ....			766.50	766.50
Prescott St. ....	28.00	97.40	3,447.30	3,572.70
Prospect St. ....			2,327.30	2,327.30
Rachel Rd. ....			446.80	446.80
Salem St. ....	102.20		1,536.40	1,638.60
Sanborn St. ....		98.00	945.90	1,043.90
School St. ....			523.00	523.00
Scotland Rd. ....			972.90	972.90
Shelby Rd. ....			314.10	314.10
Smith Ave. ....			602.30	602.30
Spring St. ....			230.00	230.00
Stewart Rd. ....			362.60	362.60
Summer Ave. ....		94.00	3,998.50	4,092.50
Sunnyside Ave. ....			64.00	64.00
Sweetser Ave. ....	43.00		188.00	231.00
Temple St. ....	154.20	173.00	1,405.10	1,732.30
Thorndike St. ....			61.20	61.20
Union St. ....		66.00	208.40	274.40
Village St. ....			1,155.40	1,155.40
Virginia Rd. ....	19.00		75.00	94.00
Vista Ave. ....			191.10	191.10
Warren Ave. ....	19.40	68.00	638.60	726.00
Washington St. ....			2,904.60	2,904.60
Wenda St. ....			202.50	202.50
West St. ....	322.30		2,585.80	2,908.10
Willow St. ....	20.00		118.40	138.40
Wilson St. ....			713.30	713.30
Winslow Rd. ....	34.00			34.00
Woburn St. ....	106.40	70.50	4,688.70	4,865.60
Wood End Lane ....			191.20	191.20
Totals .....	1,431.50	1,329.23	80,498.16	83,258.89

# SEWER HOUSE CONNECTIONS BY STREETS — 1956

Street	Poss. Conn.	Comp. Conn.	Per Cent Conn.	No Const. Started	Conn. To S/L	Revenue Charged 1955
Arcadia Ave. ....	14	14	100	....	....	—
Arlington St. ....	11	11	100	....	....	\$ 201.55
Ash St. ....	17	17	100	....	....	397.11
Bancroft Ave. ....	29	26	90	3	....	372.60
Beech St. ....	1	1	100	....	....	19.15
Belmont St. ....	1	0		1	....	—
Berkeley St. ....	27	27	100	....	....	398.91
Bond St. ....	23	4	17	19	....	7.50
Boyce St. ....	4	4	100	....	....	54.20
Brande Ct. ....	1	1	100	....	....	6.00
Brook St. ....	10	10	100	....	....	152.40
California Rd. ....	9	1	11	8	....	—
Cape Cod Ave. ....	5	4	80	1	....	60.77
Center Ave. ....	10	10	100	....	....	159.11
Chapin Ave. ....	9	7	78	2	....	107.50
Charles St. ....	15	14	93	1	....	203.85
Chute St. ....	8	4	50	4	....	67.40
Copeland Ave. ....	8	8	100	....	....	144.08
County Rd. ....	24	15	63	9	....	105.50
Crosby Rd. ....	7	7	100	....	....	147.90
Deering St. ....	4	3	75	1	....	61.85
Dudley St. ....	15	13	87	2	....	237.34
Eaton St. ....	10	10	100	....	....	115.95
Echo Ave. ....	6	4	66	2	....	80.42
Edgemont Ave. ....	16	16	100	....	....	—
Edwin St. ....	4	4	100	....	....	79.40
Elliott St. ....	11	11	100	....	....	134.35
Elm St. ....	4	4	100	....	....	68.30
Fairview Ave. ....	19	18	95	1	....	288.56
Fremont St. ....	4	4	100	....	....	76.56
Fulton St. ....	1	1	100	....	....	30.60
Gardner Rd. ....	10	10	100	....	....	203.10
Garrett Rd. ....	4	4	100	....	....	—
Gilmore Ave. ....	4	4	100	....	....	61.87
Glen Rd. ....	10	10	100	....	....	152.45
Gould St. ....	9	9	100	....	....	136.29
Grand St. ....	14	11	79	3	....	144.70
Green St. ....	44	43	98	1	....	984.56
Hancock St. ....	14	7	50	7	....	73.09
Harnden St. ....	7	7	100	....	....	220.80



# SEWER HOUSE CONNECTIONS BY STREETS — 1956

Street	Poss. Conn.	Comp. Conn.	Per Cent Conn.	No Const. Started	Conn. To S/L	Revenue Charged 1956
Harrison St. ....	19	17	90	2	....	235.50
Haven St. ....	47	46	98	1	....	1,544.75
High St. ....	29	23	80	6	....	342.57
Hillcrest Rd. ....	11	10	91	1	....	234.86
Howard St. ....	39	36	92	3	....	576.58
Ide St. ....	1	1	100	....	....	39.56
Indiana Ave. ....	12	4	33	....	8	—
Jere Rd. ....	4	4	100	....	....	34.16
John St. ....	27	26	96	1	....	619.10
King St. ....	18	16	89	2	....	236.16
Kingston St. ....	15	15	100	....	....	202.37
Lewis St. ....	15	11	73	4	....	187.48
Lincoln St. ....	8	8	100	....	....	205.75
Linden St. ....	19	16	84	3	....	365.77
Longview Rd. ....	5	4	80	1	....	79.63
Lothrop Rd. ....	17	16	94	1	....	168.55
Lowell St. ....	18	6	33	12	....	109.34
Main St. ....	48	47	98	0	1	1,582.74
Maple St. ....	3	3	100	....	....	38.55
Middle St. ....	2	1	50	1	....	15.30
Middlesex Ave. ....	26	26	100	....	....	547.98
Mineral St. ....	15	9	60	6	....	97.16
Minot St. ....	21	21	100	....	....	404.86
Morgan Park ....	4	3	75	1	....	20.16
Mount Vernon St. ....	29	27	93	2	....	368.36
Munroe Ave. ....	3	3	100	....	....	—
Nichols Rd. ....	4	3	75	1	....	52.32
Oak St. ....	23	18	78	5	....	216.69
Oakland Rd. ....	1	1	100	....	....	149.34
Oak Ridge Rd. ....	18	4	22	14	....	12.50
Orange St. ....	14	7	50	7	....	97.70
Orchard Park Dr. ....	9	9	100	....	....	198.65
Palmer Hill Ave. ....	2	0	....	2	....	—
Park Ave. ....	9	9	100	....	....	132.95
Parker St. ....	7	7	100	....	....	110.20
Pearl St. ....	24	19	79	5	....	318.20
Pennsylvania Ave. ....	11	2	18	9	....	18.00
Perkins Ave. ....	7	7	100	....	....	144.13
Pierce St. ....	3	1	33	2	....	75.72
Pine Ave. ....	1	1	100	....	....	6.00

# SEWER HOUSE CONNECTIONS BY STREETS — 1956

Street	Poss. Conn.	Comp. Conn.	Per Cent Conn.	No Const. Started	Conn. To S/L	Revenue Charged 1956
Pine Ridge Rd. ....	18	7	39	11	....	57.66
Pleasant St. ....	37	37	100	....	....	695.95
Pratt St. ....	13	11	85	2	....	149.54
Prescott St. ....	54	52	96	....	2	906.91
Prospect St. ....	28	25	89	3	....	467.44
Rachel Rd. ....	8	8	100	....	....	82.40
Salem St. ....	28	25	89	1	2	539.38
Sanborn St. ....	14	14	100	....	....	333.68
School St. ....	10	10	100	....	....	172.21
Scotland Rd. ....	26	19	73	7	....	322.50
Shelby Rd. ....	5	5	100	....	....	—
Smith Ave. ....	16	16	100	....	....	273.65
Spring St. ....	7	5	71	2	....	72.20
Stewart Rd. ....	5	5	100	....	....	—
Summer Ave. ....	76	59	78	17	....	1,240.40
Suunyside Ave. ....	6	6	100	....	....	202.54
Sweetser Ave. ....	5	5	100	....	....	64.15
Sylvan Rd. ....	2	0	0	2	....	—
Temple St. ....	27	27	100	....	....	529.29
Thorndike St. ....	3	1	33	2	....	19.00
Union St. ....	4	4	100	....	....	74.15
Village St. ....	25	22	88	3	....	396.67
Virginia Rd. ....	4	3	75	1	....	28.50
Vista Ave. ....	7	4	57	3	....	21.82
Warren Ave. ....	17	17	100	....	....	297.90
Washington St. ....	62	56	90	6	....	890.92
Wenda St. ....	4	4	100	....	....	56.62
Wentworth Rd. ....	1	1	100	....	....	22.70
Wescroft Rd. ....	1	1	100	....	....	14.01
West St. ....	70	34	49	7	29	329.77
Willow St. ....	6	2	33	....	4	—
Wilson St. ....	15	15	100	....	....	144.15
Winslow Rd. ....	1	0	0	1	....	—
Woburn St. ....	86	77	90	1	8	1,561.22
Wood End Lane ....	5	4	80	1	....	52.71
Grand Totals .....	1727	1446	84	227	54	\$ 25,565.40

## **Engineering Division**

The Engineering Division was hard-pressed during the year to stay ahead of the multiplicity of 1956 construction projects. Surveys, plotting and drafting, designs, preparation of specifications and contracts, staking out of and setting grades for contractual and departmental projects included road construction, drain construction, sewer construction, water mains, sidewalks, curbing, park and incidental items, all of which were accomplished by this division.

All work done by contractors was inspected by Engineering Division personnel while the work was in progress, and reduced the actual field crew to a two-man survey party. It was necessary to include draftsmen and the administrative assistant among the inspectors.

The outside demand for experienced engineering personnel resulted in a constant turn-over of employees, who were attracted by the higher wages paid by competing engineering services. It is hoped that a more realistic wage scale may be obtained for the Engineering Division in 1957.

As of December 15, 1956, a total of sixteen petitions has been received for street acceptance in 1957. Without outside engineering assistance, it will not be possible to process all of these streets for acceptance at the March 1957 Town Meeting.

During 1956, a total of twelve new housing developments were submitted to the Board of Survey for approval. These were all carefully checked for proper layout and design under the rules and regulations of the Board of Survey and Subdivision Control Act.

## **Board of Survey Division**

A total of 25 duly advertised public hearings were held by the Board of Survey in 1956 on petition of contractors, developers and/or home owners for approval of lines and grades of proposed street layouts. Estimates were prepared and surety or performance bonds received for construction of 18 such streets. Grade changes were effected on several streets after due notice was given and public hearings held as required by law.

A number of individual lots and/or small subdivision plans abutting public town ways were examined and endorsed as not requiring Board of Survey Approval under the subdivision Control Law, Chapter 41, General Laws, for filing in the Registry of Deeds and/or Land Court.

## **Recommendations**

The continued trend of building in the outlying districts of Reading has resulted in unprecedented demands for the extension of all public utilities. In many of these locations, water mains are the only existing utility, and no outlets are available for sewerage or storm drains. Where sewerage and drainage outlets are available, it is common practice to bond the developer for installation of these utilities, thus saving the Town the cost of installation in the future. Increased annual appropriations for sewers and drains would ultimately result in a substantial saving to the Town.

In 1957, two developments totaling 102 house lots will be constructed. Both developers have expressed their willingness to install sewerage in the developments, but the Town sewerage system is not available.

It is again urgently recommended that a long-range study be made of future sewer extensions, such as was last made over 40 years ago by F. A. Barbour in September 1916. This also has been strongly recommended to the Special Sewer Study Committee, for inclusion in their report at the March 1957 Annual Town Meeting. This study should be made by competent consulting engineers.

The increased work-load being placed on the Engineering Division is such that much of the location surveys necessary in the field for estimates and constructive design will have to be done by private surveyors. Several local reputable surveyors are available for this type of work, and it is recommended that a special appropriation be made for engaging surveyors for this work.

The continued rapid population increase with resultant added water demand is of utmost importance. It had been anticipated that the report of the State Department of Public Works Waterways Division would be available for inclusion in this report, but the report date has now been set for early 1957. It is recommended that a survey be made to determine the continued adequacy of the water collection and treatment facilities.

It is also recommended that an appropriation be made to construct an adequate culvert under Lowell Street to further advance the Birch Meadow Drainage Project. In the event of flood rains, such as have occurred in recent past years, serious damage could be sustained through flooding of the Birch Meadow area.

At least two additional sidewalk snow plow tractors should be purchased to augment the two now available. Many demands have been made for plowing sidewalks which have been impossible to satisfy for lack of equipment. With the erection of elementary schools in outlying sections of Reading, school children should not be forced, through lack of sidewalks, to walk in the roadway.

In closing this report, the Superintendent wishes to express his appreciation to the Members of the Board for their many helpful suggestions and kindnesses extended to him during the year; and to assure all those in anyway associated with him in carrying on the work of the Department of his gratitude for their interest and co-operation, and to acknowledge the assistance, co-operation and helpful suggestions which he has received from the other department heads of the Town.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES T. PUTNAM, Superintendent

**SIXTY-SECOND ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

**MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD**

**for the year ended**

**December 31, 1956**



## MANAGER'S REPORT

To the Municipal Light Board  
Gentlemen:

The year 1956 will go down as unprecedented in the history of the Reading Municipal Light Department. Completed in the year was the department's largest construction and operation program, a complete rate revision and a most successful campaign to cut the cost of purchased power.

The installation of underground cable feeders to North Reading, Wilmington and Lynnfield Center, with the addition of 3750/4687 KVA transformer and allied switchgear at the North Reading and Wilmington substations, respectively, and the installation of two additional 15,000 volt switches at the Ash Street Plant, as well as four new 15,000 volt underground cables in Reading made up the construction program. This undertaking is as large as any utility in the country on a per capita basis.

The above construction was completed on schedule and in time for the system's heaviest load period, i.e., Christmas season. The unusual stability of the system during this period proved its value. The service was maintained to a higher degree even though we witnessed some very unusual storms.

The unusual expansion and growth experienced in preceding years and a careful study of the projected demands on the system pointed very clearly to the fact that a complete study of the department's future finances and operations was needed.

A consultant's services were obtained augmented by our own staff, and a full report completed early in the year. After many weeks of study and analysis of the report, it was decided to recommend a rate revision with the objective, a more adequate return on the investment in plant and facilities, in order to meet the increased financial requirements of the department which it was possible to foresee. The new rates were filed with the State of Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities which approved same effective September 1, 1956. Subsequently, however, the towns of Lynnfield Center and Wilmington objected to the rate changes and brought action against the department before the Department of Public Utilities. Three separate hearings were held and the matter is still subject to final adjudication before that body.

The rate revision by no means obtains the entire amount of needed revenue from our customers. The department took upon its own to assist in raising this needed new revenue by many operational savings. These operational savings consisted of cutting our system peak, thereby automatically cutting our purchased power bill; rendering our residential bills on a bi-monthly schedule and improving our internal office procedures. All of these were put into operation very successfully and substantial savings will be realized in the coming year as a result. The amount of savings in dollars is hard to estimate as the increased price of fuel oil is such a variable factor in the cost of purchased power. However a bond issue of \$100,000.00 which it was thought previously might have to be requested, was cancelled due to the department's above mentioned efforts.

The majority of industrial customers, the respective town water departments, the State M.D.C., the merchants of the Town of Reading, as well as many of our good residential customers assisted the department in its attempt to cut costs and the results were very gratifying. The peak load, adding the 12% known new business was cut down some 3000 kilowatts. The actual peak was cut from 16774 to 15754 kilowatts. This means that in the coming year cost of power will be substantially lowered, other things being equal.

The new rates are so designed to encourage the use of electricity as well as allowing the customer to make substantial savings on his own initiative, i.e., the water heater off peak feature in the residential rate, the demand and limited hours use features in the commercial and industrial rates. All in all, I believe the new rate structure to be sound business-wise, and fair customer-wise.

### **Highlights of 1956 Operations**

**PEAK LOAD:** 15754 kilowatts. The peak occurred Dec. 26th, at 6:00 P. M. This is a reduction from the 1955 peak of 16774 kilowatts, and can be wholly attributed to the department's successful campaign to cut the peak. This reduction will reflect in substantial savings in 1957.

**CUSTOMERS:** 12,087. Service was extended to 679 new customers, a slight decrease from the 771 figure of 1955. This I believe can be attributed to the slow down of building in the last quarter of the year. There were 223 new services installed in Reading against 548 for the outside towns, following closely the 2.5 to 1.0 ratio of last year.

**ENERGY PURCHASED:** 56,406,470 kilowatt hours. This is an increase of 7,004,057 kilowatt hours over 1955. The average cost per kilowatt hour, however, rose to 1.621 cents as against 1.535 cents in 1955. The unprecedented increase in demand in 1955 was the principal cause of this rise. However, the average cost per kilowatt hour for January, 1957 was 1.450 cents as against the January, 1956 figure of 1.489 cents. This reflects the peak reduction savings.

**ENERGY SOLD:** 51,963,953 kilowatt hours. This was an increase of 7,167,231 kilowatt hours over the previous year, marking a new annual high in electric sales — another record high in the department's history.

**OPERATING REVENUES:** \$1,513,017.78. The same trend of more electricity per dollar continues. The average revenue per kilowatt hour declined this year to 2.912 from 2.96 cents for year 1956, due to more energy being used in the lower steps.

**ADDITIONS TO PLANT:** \$576,275.59. The construction requirements to keep pace with customer's demands are reflected in the fact that our plant has increased from \$1.3 million to \$3.2 million since 1945. This is typical of the electric industry as a whole.

**OFF-PEAK WATER HEATING for 1.3c:** This new rate feature does two things. First, the customer can get hot water heating at a reduced rate resulting in a substantial savings. Secondly, it allows the de-

partment to have some control of its load thereby netting a savings on its power bill, which is reflected in the rates. This off peak feature is accomplished by time switches installed at the customer's unit at no extra cost to the customer, except the installation costs.

Acknowledgement and appreciation is accorded to the members of the Municipal Light Board for the time, interest and efforts they have devoted to the conduct and guidance of the department's activities and to the cooperation received from other Boards and Town Departments.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 57, Chapter 164 of the General Laws, I submit herewith my estimate of income and expenses of the plant for the year ending December 31, 1957.

## ESTIMATED INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR 1957

### INCOME:

From Private Consumers .....	\$1,665,112.20
From Tax Levy—	
For Street Lights .....	17,000.00
From Municipal Buildings .....	19,587.80
From Miscellaneous Income .....	1,000.00
From Mdse. and Jobbing .....	5,000.00
<b>TOTAL INCOME .....</b>	<b>\$1,707,700.00</b>

### EXPENSES:

Production .....	990,659.30
Distribution .....	161,454.95
Utilization .....	15,073.34
Commercial .....	61,472.84
New Business .....	700.00
General and Miscellaneous .....	74,623.83
Depreciation .....	159,455.65
Bond and Note Payments .....	69,000.00
Interest on Bonds and Notes .....	25,458.75
Uncollectible Operating Revenue .....	1,800.00
Taxes — Outside Towns .....	40,000.00
Interest on Consumers' Deposits.....	357.80
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES .....</b>	<b>1,600,056.46</b>
Excess — Income over Expenses .....	<b>\$ 107,643.54</b>
K.W.H. Purchased .....	65,000,000
K.W.H. Sold .....	59,500,000
K.W.H. for Reading Street Lights .....	600,000
Expense per K.W.H. Sold .....	2.6892c
Cost of Street Lights .....	<b>\$ 16,135.20</b>
Appropriation for Street Lights .....	<b>\$ 17,000.00</b>

A summary of Income and Expenses, Total Cost of Plant, together with the statement of Assets and Liabilities, the Profit and Loss Account, and the Auditor's Certificate is appended herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT W. STANFORD, Manager

**CHARLES E. STANWOOD & COMPANY**

Accountants and Auditors

16 Court Street

Boston, Massachusetts

February 11, 1957

To The Municipal Light Board  
Town of Reading  
Reading, Massachusetts

We have examined the accompanying balance sheet of the Municipal Light Department of the Town of Reading, Massachusetts as at December 31, 1956 and the related statements of income and profit and loss for the year then ended. Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and included such tests of the accounting records and other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the accompanying balance sheet and statements of income and profit and loss present fairly the financial position of the Municipal Light Department as at December 31, 1956 and the results of its operations for the year then ended, in conformity with the "Uniform System of Accounts for Municipal Lighting Plants" as prescribed by the Department of Public Utilities of Massachusetts.

CHARLES E. STANWOOD & COMPANY

**REPORT OF THE MUNICIPAL LIGHT BOARD**

The report of the Manager as submitted by him with certificate of the auditor is hereby approved by the Municipal Light Board and constitutes its report to the Town.

PHILLIP G. WILLCOX, Chairman

WINFRED F. SPURR

ALFRED H. DOLBEN

Municipal Light Board

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**TOTAL COST OF PLANT**

**as of December 31, 1956**

Cost of Electric Plant:—

Cost of Land — 226 Ash St. ....	\$	2,575.80
25 Haven St. ....		7,459.46
Wildwood St., Wilmington .....		700.00
Haverhill St., North Reading .....		3,219.19
Main St., Lynnfield Center .....		5,000.00
Cost of Structures — 226 Ash St. ....		36,870.84
25 Haven St. ....		28,093.90
Garage and Storeroom .....		29,983.48

Cost of Transformer Station and Substation Equipment ....	460,987.48
Cost of Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Conductors .....	1,279,881.96
Cost of Underground Conduits .....	219,593.83
Cost of Underground Conductors .....	576,368.19
Cost of Consumers Meters .....	165,830.09
Cost of Consumers Meter Installations .....	53,964.56
Cost of Line Transformers .....	241,149.03
Cost of Line Transformer Installations .....	12,159.43
Cost of Street Lighting Equipment .....	84,230.18
Total Cost of Electric Plant .....	\$3,208,067.42
Cost of General Equipment .....	40,274.88
Total Cost of Plant and General Equipment .....	\$3,248,342.30

## SUMMARY OF INCOME AND EXPENSES

for the year ending December 31, 1956

### REVENUES:

Residence Service — Schedule A .....	\$1,106,977.27
Commercial Service — Schedule B .....	175,550.12
Commercial and Industrial Service — Schedule C .....	155,298.24
Welding Service .....	310.41
Municipal Service .....	24,788.37
Sales to Private Companies and Municipal Plants .....	7,072.62
Street Lighting Service .....	43,020.75
Miscellaneous Income .....	7,562.94
Total Revenue .....	\$1,520,580.72

### EXPENSES:

Production Expenses .....	\$ 914,795.98
Distribution Expenses .....	135,307.89
Utilization Expenses .....	12,144.14
Commercial Expenses .....	51,232.86
New Business Expenses .....	313.52
General Expenses .....	55,933.42
Depreciation Expense .....	130,908.08
Interest on Bonds and Notes .....	14,468.41
Taxes — Personal Property Outside Towns .....	27,149.00
Uncollectible Operating Revenues .....	1,772.88
Interest on Consumers Deposits .....	331.51
Retirement Pensions .....	11,801.40
Bonds and Notes Paid .....	39,000.00
Total Expenses .....	\$1,395,159.09
Excess of Revenue over Expenses .....	125,421.63
Transfer to Town Treasurer .....	75,127.50
Net Increase of Profit and Loss Surplus .....	50,294.13



## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES

as of December 31, 1956

### FIXED ASSETS:

Land .....	\$ 18,954.45
Structures .....	45,210.75
Trans. Sta. and Substa. Equipment .....	268,549.68
Poles, Fixtures and Overhead Cond. ....	609,907.77
Underground Conduits .....	157,990.07
Underground Conductors .....	468,657.03
Consumers Meters .....	88,949.17
Consumers Meter Installations .....	27,710.60
Line Transformers .....	174,072.63
Line Transformer Installations .....	6,052.19
Street Lighting Equipment .....	11,051.64
General Equipment .....	40,274.88
Unfinished Construction .....	129,561.04
Total Fixed Assets .....	\$2,046,941.90

### CURRENT ASSETS:

Construction Fund .....	\$ 15,308.98
Depreciation Fund .....	35,558.33
Special Construction Fund — 1955 .....	540.69
Special Construction Fund — 1956 .....	218,081.05
Petty Cash .....	400.00
Consumers Deposit Fund .....	8,945.00
Accounts Receivable .....	280,243.66
Materials and Supplies .....	111,486.82
Total Current Assets .....	\$ 670,564.53
Prepaid Insurance .....	1,448.95
Totals .....	\$2,718,955.38

### LIABILITIES:

Notes Payable .....	48,000.00
Bonds Payable .....	930,000.00
Accounts Payable .....	172,153.68
Consumers Deposits .....	8,945.00
Interest Accrued .....	7,771.77
Loans Repayment .....	778,578.26
Total Liabilities .....	\$1,945,448.71
Profit and Loss .....	773,506.67
Totals .....	\$2,718,955.38

NOTE: A contingent liability in the amount of \$6,238.70 existed as of December 31, 1956 on account of leases received from installment sales of electrical appliances and which were discounted with the Middlesex County National Bank of Reading.

## PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT

as of December 31, 1956

Balance January 1, 1956 .....	\$ 723,616.01
Net Income — before Bond Payments .....	164,421.63
Total Credits .....	\$ 164,421.63
Bonds and Notes Paid .....	39,000.00
Transferred to General Funds of the Town .....	75,127.50
Excess of Expense over Premium rec'd on Bond Issue .....	403.47
Total Debits .....	114,530.97
Balance December 31, 1956 .....	\$ 773,506.67

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## REPORT OF THE MOTH SUPERINTENDENT

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I submit my report as Moth Superintendent for 1956.

At the present time there are very few Gypsy Moths in the town. The increased spraying on private property is of great assistance in controlling this and other pests.

Due to trouble with the spray equipment on the helicopter and the extremely bad weather this spring only about one third of the roadside elms were given a dormant spray. This spray is very important in the control of the Dutch Elm disease. More than three hundred trees were checked for this disease. Cuttings from two hundred and four trees were sent to the University of Massachusetts Shade Tree Laboratory to be cultured. One hundred and thirty-nine trees were certified as having the Dutch Elm Disease. With the exception of three trees these infected trees have been removed and burned. One hundred and five trees were on private property, twenty-four on the roadside, six on other town property — parks, etc., and four on the State highway. We also have removed twelve trees that were left from 1955.

The Japanese Beetle continues to increase. These beetles are difficult to control as spraying is only effective a few days.

The repair work on the Moth Department garage has been completed. Most of this work was paid for by the insurance collected from last year's fire.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE H. DONEGAN,

Moth Superintendent

ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND REPORT OF THE FIRE CHIEF  
REPORT OF THE FOREST WARDEN  
AND THE SUPERINTENDENT OF FIRE ALARM

January 31, 1957

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The 1956 report of the Fire Chief, Forest Warden and Superintendent of Fire Alarm is hereby submitted.

**Manual Force.** The permanent force consists of twenty-three men including the Chief, Deputy Chief and 3 Captains. There are twelve full time and four half time call firemen and a Dispatcher on call. There are 30 members of the Auxiliary Fire Service. Four permanent men were appointed during the year, one being a replacement.

IN MEMORIAM

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**Call Dispatcher Albert R. Maines**

Died May 31, 1956

3 Years a member of the Reading Fire Department

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**Ex-Call Fireman H. Harvey Quigley**

Died May 16, 1956

38 Years a member of the Reading Fire Department

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**Ex-Deputy Chief Charles H. Heselton**

Died May 31, 1956

48 Years a member of the Reading Fire Department

**Apparatus.** Located at the Central Station are: Ladder 1, a Seagrave 65 ft. Junior Aerial Ladder Truck; Engine 1, a 1,000 gal. per min. Seagrave Pumping Engine; Engine 2, a 400 gal. per min. Seagrave Pumping Engine in reserve; Engine 4, a 500 gal. per min. Chevrolet front end pumping Engine that also has a 100 gal. per min. portable pump and is used for brush and grass fires; Engine 5, a Chevrolet with a 400 gal. per min. front end pump, manned by the Auxiliary Fire Service; Engine 6, a 750 gal. per min. Seagrave Pumping Engine;

Engines 7 and 8 are 500 gal. per min. Auxiliary Trailer Pumps; Engine 9, a one ton Chevrolet utility truck with a 250 gal. per min. front end pump; a two wheel hose trailer; a 1956 Chevrolet Sedan for the use of the Chief, and a 1950 Chevrolet Sedan used by the Deputy Chief. As Station No. 2 has been torn down, Engine 3, a 600 gal. min. Seagrave Pumping Engine, is temporarily quartered in a commercial garage on South Main Street, to continue having apparatus available west of the railroad, and Engine 5 is temporarily quartered in the Central Station. A 1000 gal. per min. pumping engine is on order, to be delivered in 1957. New tires were placed on Ladder 1 this year and the motor on Engine 1 was overhauled as well as the pump on Engine 8 Trailer. Routine adjustments and repairs were made as necessary to the other apparatus.

**Service Record.** The department responded to 99 bell alarms, 7 of which were false; 3 second alarms; 29 verbal calls; 25 radio calls; 184 telephone calls; 201 service calls — a total of 538 for 1956. Mutual aid was furnished to other communities 39 times and other departments responded to Reading under Mutual Aid 16 times. Included in the total calls are 52 for building fires, 20 for dump fires, 119 grass and brush fires, 16 automobile fires, 8 calls for the resuscitator, 2 calls for oxygen, 20 calls to assist the police department, including automobile accidents. Apparatus travelled a total of 11,810 miles during the year. 16 firefighters received minor injuries and 1 civilian was injured. The fire loss for 1956 on property endangered, valued at \$1,175,375.00 was \$44,718.38 an increase of \$2,684.29 over last year. Of the loss, \$32,588.60 was covered by insurance, making the uninsured loss \$12,129.78. The following equipment was used: 16 CO<sub>2</sub>; 3 Dry Powder; 198 booster tanks of water; 25,550 ft. of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch booster hose; 24,700 ft. 1½ inch hose; 16,400 ft. 2½ inch hose; 3063 ft. ladders raised including the aerial ladder 37 times. 22 waterproof salvage covers were spread; smoke ejector used 41 times; engines pumped 282¾ hours. During the severe blizzards in March, it was necessary to call all permanent men back to duty and six were detailed to the Woburn Street Station to provide adequate coverage of the apparatus during this serious emergency. In August, Engine 8 trailer pump was sent to Wilmington to assist the Water Department in that town during a drought period when all pumps in that town could not keep up with the demand on the water system. Engine 8 drafted from a newly driven line of wells and provided 72,000 gal. of water a day to augment the regular pumping system. The Town of Wilmington paid the pump operators and supplied fuel during this operation. Several times during the year, the trailer pumps were used by the Reading Public Works Department for a variety of water pumping jobs that their portable units could not handle. In all cases, the Fire Department operators and cost of fuel was paid for by the Public Works. Men were kept on guard at the Town Forest during several dry spells when the Forest was closed to the public.

**Fire Prevention.** Lecturing to groups was done as requested. The annual awards for the Fire Prevention Essay Contest conducted by the Auxiliary Fire Service were presented by the Chief at the Junior High School. 344 Power Oil Burner inspections were made and permits issued for storage of fuel oil, 12 inspections made and permits issued for storage

of range oil, 23 Liquified Petroleum Gas installations were inspected and permits issued for storage of gas. 66 permits were issued for blasting operations. 3 permits for storage of Class A fluids and 6 miscellaneous permits were issued. Inspections for new gasoline tank locations were made as requested. 2392 permits were issued for fires in the open air and during several dry periods no permits of this nature were issued. Inspections were made of rest homes and nursing homes as requested by the State. Investigations of fires were made by the State Fire Marshal's office as required.

**Fire Stations.** The Woburn Street Station, erected in 1874 has been torn down, and construction of a modern 3 door, 2 story brick fire station is being carried on at present. This station should be completed in 1957 and will be manned by permanent men at all times. At the Central Station, extensive repairs were made to the roof slates and gutters, and minor repairs to the rest of the building as required.

**Fire Alarm.** The fire alarm shop was painted this year. New fire alarm box was installed at the Addison-Wesley Publishing Co. on Route 128. Tree trimming along all circuits was carried on through the year. All fire alarm equipment, including the tower bell was removed from the Woburn Street Station, before it was demolished. A Mutual Aid Circuit has been run from the Central Station direct to the North Reading Line, and is now connected, giving direct automatic mutual assistance to both towns if necessary. Routine replacements and repairs were made to the system and new wire run for future extensions.

**Recommendations.** It is recommended that a base radio transmitting station be purchased for the use of the Fire Department and that two-way radios be purchased for the apparatus until all units are so equipped. Many times confusion exists when both fire and police departments are attempting to use the radio at the same time for important messages. It is recommended that a gasoline driven electrical generator be installed to supply fire and police stations during failure of electric current. Electric motors to open and close the Central Station doors should be installed as these doors are very heavy and difficult to open by hand and do remain open for very long periods of time when the apparatus is out to a fire.

**Conclusion.** I wish to thank your honorable board for co-operation received during the year, the members of the department and Auxiliary Fire Service for efficient performance of duty and faithful service. I wish also to thank the local telephone operators for efficiently passing the emergency messages, the Red Cross Motor Service and canteen, and other town departments and citizens who have assisted this department in any way.

Respectfully submitted,

HUGH L. EAMES,

Chief of the Fire Department

Forest Warden and Superintendent of Fire Alarm



## REPORT OF THE PLUMBING INSPECTOR

To the Board of Health

Gentlemen:

The annual report of the plumbing inspector for the year ending December 31, 1956 is as follows:

Number of permits issued .....	376
Number of fixtures installed .....	1,938
Gas Storage — Hot Water Heaters .....	40
Electric Storage — Hot Water Heaters .....	104
Hot Water Tanks .....	19
Tankless Heaters .....	103
Water Closets .....	365
Lavatories .....	357
Bath Tubs .....	250
Showers .....	28
Bradley Shower .....	1
Urinals .....	12
Sinks .....	269
Laundry Trays .....	53
Disposals .....	2
Dish Washing Machines .....	13
Washing Machines .....	62
Trap .....	1
Repiping .....	5
Drains .....	13
Extractor .....	1
Wash Fountain .....	1
Sewer Connections .....	116
Cesspools .....	123
Fees for Permits .....	\$ 1,484.50

Respectfully submitted,

KENNETH G. SHAW,

Inspector of Plumbing

## BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Edouard N. Dube, Chairman	Term expires	1957
M. Russell Meikle, Secretary	" "	1959
William P. Pierpont	" "	1958
Ernest E. Brown	" "	1957
Stanley F. Maxwell	" "	1958
Lawrence A. Partelow	" "	1959

Superintendent  
HAROLD F. DAVIS

Office  
Room 5, Municipal Building

### SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

To The Board of Cemetery Trustees,  
Town of Reading, Mass.  
Gentlemen:

The Superintendent's Report on the operation of the two Town Cemeteries, Laurel Hill and Forest Glen, for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1956, and the Department's 219th year of operation, (first burial Dec. 7, 1737), is herewith submitted.

Our records show 103 interments and 2 disinterments for the year. The statistics for the calendar year 1956 are as follows:

	Laurel Hill	Forest Glen	Total
Interments .....	44	50	94
Cremation Interments .....	5	4	9
Disinterments .....	2	0	2
Foundations:			
Monuments .....	1	25	26
Markers .....	24	4	28
Graves Repaired .....	72	0	72
Lots Sold:			
5 Grave .....	0	1	1
4 Grave .....	0	5	5
3 Grave .....	0	4	4
2 Grave .....	0	20	20
Single Graves .....	0	4	4
Baby Graves .....	0	7	7
Veteran Graves gratis .....	0	4	4

Twelve old lots in Laurel Hill Cemetery had perpetual care put on them and two old lots had additional care put on during 1956.

The total number of lots and graves sold and interments made to date are as follows:

Cemetery	Lots	Single Graves	Interments
Laurel Hill .....	1415	1142	7006
Forest Glen .....	401	123	538
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Total .....	1816	1265	7544

At Laurel Hill, Hazel, Iris and Jasmine Paths were filled in and turfed. The Service Building and the wrought iron gates at the Highland and Lowell Street entrances were painted. A catch basin was constructed on Walnut Avenue.

At Forest Glen, 138 new lots, varying in sizes from two to six graves each, were layed out. The Forest Glen Road entrance was widened eight feet, and a new water meter manhole was constructed on Cemetery property, replacing a similar installation formerly located at the Forest Glen entrance.

At this time appreciation is expressed to the other Departments of the Town for their cooperation.

The financial statement will appear in the report of the Town Accountant.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. DAVIS,

Superintendent

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#### REPORT OF THE BOARD OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

The Report of the Superintendent as submitted by him is hereby approved by the Board of Cemetery Trustees and constitutes its Report to the Town.

EDOUARD N. DUBE, Chairman  
M. RUSSELL MEIKLE, Secretary  
WILLIAM P. PIERPONT  
ERNEST E. BROWN  
STANLEY F. MAXWELL  
LAWRENCE A. PARTELOW  
Board of Cemetery Trustees

## REPORT OF CUSTODIAN OF SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

January 2, 1957

To The Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Reading, Mass.

Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my report as Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves for the year ending December 31, 1956. This report is predicated upon the requirements of Sec. 9, Chapter 115 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Where Veterans of the armed services have served in more than one war, insurrection or conflict, the following listing gives the Veteran credit for only one:

Veterans	Credited Service
41	Revolutionary War
12	War of 1812
2	Mexican War
291	Civil War
1	Indian War
26	Spanish War
116	World War I
27	Mass. State Guard Service in W. W. I.
37	World War II
4	Korean Conflict
1	U. S. Air Force

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Total      558

Appropriation for 1956 .....		\$ 1,200.00
Pay Roll .....	\$ 1,148.55	
Repairs on Veteran Grave .....	3.45	
Veteran Flag Holders .....	48.00	
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	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 1,200.00

There were thirteen Veterans interred during 1956 in the Town Cemeteries as follows:

### Spanish War

Daniel R. Chamberlain, Lot. No. 400, Forest Glen, died May 15, 1956, buried May 18, 1956.

### World War I

Raymond J. Donoghue, Lot No. 353, Forest Glen, died Feb. 5, 1956, buried Feb. 8, 1956.

Arthur W. Gould, Lot No. 459, Forest Glen, died Mar. 20, 1956, buried Mar. 23, 1956.

Horace W. Fellows, Lot No. 1115, Laurel Hill, died Sept. 26, 1956, buried Sept. 29, 1956.

## **World War II**

Clarence E. Hall, Lot No. 11, Laurel Hill, died in Morocco Dec. 11, 1955, buried Jan. 28, 1956.

Stephen K. Heselton, Grave No. 51, Veteran Plot, Forest Glen, died Feb. 6, 1956, buried Feb. 9, 1956.

Norman S. Holland, Grave No. 54, Veteran Plot, Forest Glen, died Mar. 17, 1956, buried Mar. 24, 1956.

Leo James Barry, Lot No. 170, Forest Glen, died Oct. 3, 1956, buried Oct. 6, 1956.

George V. McCullough, Lot No. 640, Forest Glen, died Oct. 20, 1956, buried Oct. 23, 1956.

## **Korean Conflict**

Paul H. Robbins, Grave No. 50, Veteran Plot, Forest Glen, died May 18, 1956, buried May 24, 1956.

Thomas LeFave, Grave No. 88, Veteran Plot, Forest Glen, died Aug. 25, 1956, buried Aug. 28, 1956.

## **Mass. State Guard**

Henry Harvey Quigley, Lot No. 591, Laurel Hill, died May 15, 1956, buried May 18, 1956.

## **U. S. Air Force**

Frederick W. Merritt, Jr., Lot No. 113A, Forest Glen, died June 27, 1956, buried July 2, 1956.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD F. DAVIS,

Custodian of Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves

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## **AGENT OF VETERANS' BENEFITS**

January 2, 1957

Honorable Board of Selectmen,  
Town of Reading, Massachusetts  
Gentlemen:

I herewith submit my annual report as Agent of Veterans' Benefits and Director of Veterans' Services for the year 1956.

Our case load seems to follow that of 1955. Employment has been good but the medical expense of dependents of veterans has increased.

We have had many applications for help financially that we had to deny for one reason or another.

The increase in our population has brought many new veterans to our town. What the future will be is unpredictable. Much depends on their acquiring a settlement in Reading and condition of affairs when they do.

We do at present refer them to their place of settlement if they need financial help or assist them to obtain any other benefits they seek and are entitled to.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES W. H. SMITH, Agent



## REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1956.

The building construction for the past year was as follows:

222 New one family dwellings at an estimated cost of .....	\$2,500,100.00
64 Alterations and additions to dwellings at a cost of .....	99,285.00
2 Alterations and additions to business properties at an estimated cost of .....	6,000.00
38 New private garages at an estimated cost of .....	34,450.00
5 Signs .....	1,470.00
3 Business Buildings .....	305,775.00
1 Fire Station .....	140,000.00
1 School .....	697,627.00
6 Raze Buildings .....	

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Total estimated cost of all new and remodeled buildings  
for the past year ..... \$3,784,707.00

Total Number of Permits ..... 342

Fees were received in the amount of \$2,321.50. These have been  
turned over to the Town Treasurer and receipts received for same.

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD B. CURRELL

Inspector of Buildings

## REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR OF WIRES

Honorable Board of Selectmen

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year 1956.

Permits were issued and inspections made on the following:

Additions to existing wiring	225	Nursing homes	3
Air conditioners	12	Oil burners	248
Blowers	1	Ranges	197
Churches (additions)	3	Rewire	28
Dishwashers	9	Rewire after fire	3
Disposals	10	Schools	9
Dryers	47	Services (changeover)	68
Emergency generators	1	Services (permanent)	166
Filling stations	6	Services (temporary)	29
Freezers	7	Stores	16
Garages	4	Vent fans	104
Gas furnace controls	13	Violations	1
Manufacturing plants	2	Water heaters	152
Motors	6	Water heater time clocks	827
New buildings	171	Water pumps	1
Fees for permits			\$602.95

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES F. O'DOWD,

Inspector of Wires

\$495.00 of the total was turned in to the Treasurer after Dec. 31, 1956.

## REPORT OF WELFARE AGENT

To the members of the Board of Public Welfare, Bureau of Old Age Assistance and Citizens of the Town of Reading, the following report of activities, expenditures and reimbursements for the year ending December 31, 1956 is respectfully submitted.

Members of the Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance:

Newell H. Morton, Chairman  
Daniel L. Chamberlain  
Donald C. McKie

Staff Members of the Welfare Office:

Quincy B. Park, Agent  
Gladys M. Wilson, Social Worker  
Virginia C. Smith, Social Worker  
Anne A. Bleau, Sr. Clerk-Typist  
Elsie M. Kriehm, Clerk-Typist

Members of the Board of Public Welfare and Bureau of Old Age Assistance have met weekly throughout the past year to approve administrative and assistance payrolls. They have also attended a total of sixteen meetings in which new applications for assistance in various categories were reviewed for approval or denial. Existing cases have had budgetary changes reviewed and decisions made in administrative procedures and policies.

During the past year seventy-three applications for various categories of assistance as administered by the Welfare Office were received. Sixty-nine were approved, two were voluntarily withdrawn and two were denied. A more detailed report is furnished under appropriate categorical heading.

### Old Age Assistance

	1955	1956
Case load (monthly average) .....	199.9	185.3

### Expended

Cash Grants .....	\$119,064.08	\$112,960.48
Material Grants (Medical) .....	81,383.75	80,923.36
Payments to Other Cities and Towns .....	3,743.08	4,511.29
Total .....	\$204,190.91	\$198,395.13

Comparison of above figures for years 1955-1956 shows a reduction in average monthly case load of 14.6 and a reduction in expenditures of \$5,795.78.

In estimating our financial needs to meet the expenses for this category of assistance for 1957, we have requested an appropriation of \$125,500.00 which is \$5,500.00 less than was appropriated in 1956.

### Aid to Dependent Children

Case load for 1955 (monthly average)	14.9 for 43 persons
Case load for 1956 (monthly average)	18 for 62 persons

### Expended

	1955	1956
Cash Payments .....	\$ 20,171.10	\$ 23,611.88
Material grants .....	1,643.80	2,362.57
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Total .....	\$ 21,814.90	\$ 25,974.45

During the past year nine applications for this category of assistance were received. After careful investigation seven cases were recommended for approval, two were recommended to be denied and one voluntarily withdrawn. Several cases previously aided were closed due to ineligibility. However, monthly average of cases aided increased 3.1 and total persons aided based on monthly average increased from 43 to 62.

Due to increase in number of cases and resultant number of persons aided an increase in expenditures of \$4,159.55 over what was expended in 1955 appears consistent. We are requesting the 1956 appropriation of \$15,500.00 to be increased to \$17,000.00 in consideration of the greater number of persons who require aid from this category of assistance.

### Disability Assistance

Case load (monthly average) 1955 .....	13 cases
Case load (monthly average) 1956 .....	12.8 cases

### Expended

	1955	1956
Cash grants .....	\$ 9,217.95	\$ 9,513.27
Material grants (medical) .....	2,493.07	2,080.03
Board (including payments to Nursing Homes) .....	1,143.00	1,694.00
Board, room and care in State Institutions .....	840.22	2,647.60
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Total .....	\$ 13,694.24	\$ 15,934.90

Four cases were transferred from this category of assistance to Old Age Assistance as of January 1, 1957. This was possible as Old Age Assistance law was changed to allow aliens to become eligible at age 65 provided they had twenty years continuous residence in the Commonwealth. Our case load in this category is reduced from 14 to 10 as of January 1, 1957. However, due to the fact that all cases aided under Disability Assistance are adjudged to be either totally or partially disabled, considerable medical expense is to be expected. Our budget contains a request for \$2,000.00 more than was requested for 1956 to provide for any new applications which are approved and medical expenses necessary.

### General Relief

Case load for 1955 (monthly average) .....	35 for 87 persons
Case load for 1956 (monthly average) .....	10 for 16 persons

### Expended

	1955	1956
Cash payments .....	\$ 10,867.85	\$ 8,153.40
Material grants and burials .....	1,691.35	1,025.83
Nursing Homes .....	780.00	882.45
State Institutions .....	883.83	596.83
Payments to other cities and towns .....	6,386.10	3,330.03
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	\$ 20,609.13	\$ 13,988.54

The above comparison of figures indicate a substantial decrease in average monthly case load, persons needing assistance and expenditures. The same trend is apparent in payments to other cities and towns who bill this Town for Aid given to persons with a Reading settlement. Payments amounted to \$3,056.07 less than was paid in 1955.

We are requesting an appropriation of \$16,000.00 for 1957. This amount is a reduction of \$7,000.00 less than was appropriated in 1956.

### Reimbursements to Town Treasurer

#### Old Age Assistance

Source	Amount	Account Credited
State Reimbursement .....	\$ 92,364.10	Estimated Receipts
Other cities and towns .....	3,700.84	Estimated Receipts
Federal Grants .....	73,250.49	Aid Account

#### Aid to Dependent Children

Source	Amount	Account Credited
State Reimbursement .....	\$ 5,635.06	Estimated Receipts
Federal Grants .....	10,881.15	Aid Account

#### Disability Assistance

Source	Amount	Account Credited
State Reimbursement .....	\$ 5,895.98	Estimated Receipts
Federal Grants .....	5,686.17	Aid Account

#### General Relief

Source	Amount	Account Credited
State (unsettled cases) .....	\$ 2,877.60	Estimated Receipts
Other cities and towns .....	1,502.62	Estimated Receipts

#### Summary

State reimbursement for all Categories of assistance credited to Surplus Revenue Account .....	\$106,772.74
Reimbursements from other cities and towns credited to Surplus Revenue Account .....	5,203.46
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Total .....	\$111,976.20
Federal Reimbursement credited to Assistance Account ....	\$ 89,817.81

Respectfully submitted,

QUINCY B. PARK,  
Welfare Agent and Director of Old Age Assistance



## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen  
Town of Reading, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report as Inspector of Animals for the year January 1, 1956 to January 1, 1957.

Forty-seven dogs were quarantined for biting or scratching people; two dogs still remaining in quarantine, whereas their restraining period has not expired. This is a decline of approximately 20% over last year and about one half of the number of dogs quarantined in 1954.

The annual inspection of all barns housing livestock, and the livestock in the town was conducted under the provisions set up by the Division of Livestock Disease Control, disclosing there to be in the town, 44 neat cattle, 12 pigs, 21 horses, 76 sheep and 7 goats. No contagious infectious diseases were noted.

One need not look very far to see that Reading is rapidly declining as a farming community. This same picture prevails in a great many other communities in the state.

Very truly yours,

GARDINER A. LESTER, D.V.M.,  
Inspector of Animals

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## REPORT OF THE DOG OFFICER

December 31, 1956

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith submit my report as dog officer to December 31, 1956.

I have canvassed the Town to see that all dogs have been licensed. All complaints have been investigated.

For the year ending December 31, 1956, there were 40 unlicensed dogs caught.

30 dogs were disposed for the county.

6 dogs were reclaimed by the owners.

4 dogs were sold for the county.

114 dogs were reported lost during the year.

5 dog hearings were attended, and investigated.

53 letters were sent to owner's of dogs, which were not licensed.

6 summons were issued to dog owners, who failed to license their dogs for 1956.

Dead animals picked up off the street for the Board of Health, and disposed of were 70.

At this time I wish to thank the Police Department and all others who have helped me.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM H. DEWSNAP, Dog Officer

## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

Board of Selectmen,  
Reading, Mass.  
Gentlemen:

In 1956 this Department has carried out its usual programs as follows:

1. Administrative; in the statistical recording of births, deaths and communicable diseases; investigation and abatement of nuisances, licensing and supervision of live stock owners; investigation and licensing of private schools and nursing homes; instruction and supervision of food handlers and vendors.

2. Sanitation: licensing, inspecting of plumbing, drainage and sewage disposal in old and new construction; contracting for garbage disposal; testing of milk and water supplies.

3. Prevention; follow-up of tuberculosis cases and contacts; care of premature infants; well baby clinics; dental clinics; Rabies vaccine clinics and Diphtheria, Whooping cough, Lockjaw immunization programs.

Our major work in 1956 was in organizing and implementing a program of immunizing against Poliomyelitis, with Salk vaccine, most of our population up to the age of 20, and a great many young adults; and in conjunction with the Board of Public Works arranging for the fluoridation of our water supplies. These latter programs will have far-reaching benefits for yet unborn citizens.

C. R. BAISLEY, M.D.

E. M. HALLIGAN, M.D.

C. F. ATKINSON

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## REPORT OF THE TREE WARDEN

I submit my report as Tree Warden for 1956.

The shade tree planting consisted of one hundred and fifty-nine sugar maples, six Norway maples and two red oaks. Most of these trees were planted on private property adjacent to the sidewalk.

Twenty-eight trees were removed from the roadside, two after hearings and ten were destroyed by gas. The remaining sixteen were either dead or dangerous. Twenty-four diseased elms were also removed from the roadside by the Moth Department under the Dutch Elm Disease program.

The men also removed the dead wood, low branches, and cleared the wires on twenty-four streets. The expense of clearing the wires was paid by the Electric Light Department.

I take this opportunity to thank all the town departments who have assisted me during the past year. I also wish to thank the men of this department for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE H. DONEGAN,

Tree Warden

## REPORT OF THE TOWN COUNSEL

February 14, 1957

To the Law Committee of the Town of Reading:

I submit my report as Town Counsel for the year 1956 as follows:

During the year the Town acquired title to the following land:

1. The land off West Street formerly owned by Realty Construction of New England, Inc. This property was acquired for school purposes. Pursuant to the vote of the Town Meeting, negotiations were completed with the owner, the Order of Taking was prepared and recorded, a confirmatory deed was prepared and recorded, and contracts were executed for the installation of services to this land by the former owner.

2. The land between Haverhill and Charles Streets formerly owned by Zagorski. This property was acquired for school purposes. Negotiations were conducted with the former owner; conferences were held with the School and Recreation Site Committee, Finance Committee, School Committee, and real estate experts; title was examined; and the Order of Taking and confirmatory deed were prepared and executed.

3. Land in Lynnfield formerly owned by Trainor. This property was acquired for the installation of a substation by the Municipal Light Department. Title was examined; conferences held with the Lynnfield Planning Board and the former owners; and a quitclaim deed prepared and recorded.

4. Jacob Way. The land for this street was acquired in order to provide a public way to the Business-zoned area south of South Street. Extensive negotiations were conducted with the owners of the land; numerous conferences were held with the Board of Public Works, Board of Selectmen, and the real estate expert; titles were examined; the Order of Taking was prepared and recorded; and confirmatory deeds for four of the six parcels of land have been recorded. The remaining two confirmatory deeds are expected to be recorded within the next month.

The Town sold two parcels of tax title land, and the deeds for those conveyances were prepared and recorded. The deed for the conveyance of title of the Center School property to the Methodist Church has been prepared.

Meetings were held with the Forest Street School Building Committee and the architect in connection with the contracts and bid forms to be used for the construction of the new Elementary School; opinions were given concerning the bids received and procedures to be followed; and conferences were held with the contractor.

The contract for the installation of a new heating system in the Old High School Building was prepared and signed. In this connection it was necessary to examine and partially prepare specifications; prepare

notices to bidders, bid forms, and contracts; confer with the Board of Selectmen and render opinions; confer with the Massachusetts Department of Labor and Industries and secure minimum wage rates; and attend to execution of contracts:

The contract for the construction of a new Fire Station on Woburn Street was also prepared and signed. Conferences were held with the Board of Selectmen; specifications were examined; conferences were held with the architect; advertisements for bids, bid forms, and contracts were prepared; the contract with the architect was negotiated and signed; and opinions were given to the Board of Selectmen relating to bids and procedures to be followed.

In September the Municipal Light Department was notified by the Department of Public Utilities that a complaint had been filed by the Town of Lynnfield against the approval by that Department of the increase of electricity rates, effective on September 1st. On the basis of this complaint and also on the motion of the Department of Public Utilities, a hearing was scheduled to determine the propriety of the new rates. In preparation for this hearing it was necessary to confer with the Municipal Light Board; make a thorough examination of all statutes relating to changes in electricity rates; confer frequently with the Manager of the Municipal Light Department and the rate expert retained by the Board; and become familiar with the studies made of this Department and bases for the rate increases. The hearing, which extended over a period of three non-consecutive days, has now concluded. A brief has been filed in opposition to the motions of the Towns of Wilmington and Lynnfield to vacate the order allowing the rate increases on September 1st.

Two lawsuits brought against the Town for personal injuries were settled and agreements and releases have been prepared and signed. Negotiations for the settlement of a third suit have been completed subject to the approval of the next Town Meeting.

Two appeals from the Board of Assessors to the Appellate Tax Board were disposed of, one by settlement and the other by a decision in favor of the Town after a trial.

The litigation involving the property occupied by Mr. Roberts at the corner of Main and Hopkins Streets was concluded by the removal of parts of the building in compliance with the order of the Court.

The appeals taken by the Planning Board from the decisions of the Board of Appeals to the Superior Court have now been terminated. In one case the Supreme Court upheld the Superior Court which had reversed the Board of Appeals. In the other case the Superior Court reversed the Board.

Articles and motions have been prepared for the Annual and Special Town Meetings.

During the year there were many conferences with the Board of

Public Works, and opinions rendered in connection with contracts, bonds, completion of contracts, and easements.

The litigation involving the contractor who constructed the sewer to the New High School, and his subcontractors, was settled and conferences have been held with the contractor's attorney for the payment of the balance retained by the Town.

I have attended on Monday evenings the regular meetings of the Board of Selectmen, rendered opinions to all Town Boards and Committees, attended meetings and hearings of Boards and Committees when requested so to do, investigated accident cases and claims against the Town, prepared decisions in dog cases, prepared the necessary papers for changes in traffic regulations, prepared new by-laws for presentation to Town Meeting, prepared amendments to the Zoning By-Laws, collected funds due the Town, and performed all other services requested of me as Town Counsel.

I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation to Samuel H. Davis, Esquire, former Town Counsel, for his cooperation and assistance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

CARL H. AMON, JR.

Town Counsel



## REPORT OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

The Board was organized at the regular meeting held on March 12, 1956, as follows:

Kenneth C. Latham, Chairman

Lawrence Drew, Secretary

Gilbert M. Lothrop

Boyd H. Stewart, Clerk

Regular meetings were held each Monday evening except during the summer months when they were held every other Monday evening, with additional meetings being held whenever necessary. The Reading Chronicle was acquainted with the weekly agenda, with additional information being furnished them on items which they felt were worthy of being elaborated upon. The reports of departments under the jurisdiction of this Board appear on other pages of this report.

The Board held many meetings with the architect for the construction of the new Hose 2 Fire Station to be located on the site of the present station on Woburn St. The Board advertised for and opened bids for the new station. At a special meeting on November 21, 1956, the Board awarded the bid to the Reid Construction Co. of Cambridge, Mass., for the sum of \$140,055.00.

The Board advertised for open bids and awarded the contract to Industrial Heating Co. of Reading for the installation of a new heating system in the old high school on Sanborn St.

Several meetings were held for the purpose of investigating various types of ambulances and fire equipment. Many visits were made to other towns during this study in an effort to purchase the best possible equipment, in accordance with the funds available, for the town. The Board voted the purchase of one Cadillac ambulance and one 1000 gallon American LaFrance pumping engine.

The Board again sponsored the United Nations Day observance which was held on October 21, 1956, at the new high school.

The Board appointed John Beaudoin a lieutenant in the Police Department, the first of such appointments in this department.

Conferences have been held, and considerable correspondence carried on, with the Boston and Maine Railroad for the possible relocation of the freight siding, presently located at the junction of Vine and High Streets, to a more suitable location.

A considerable number of public hearings were held in accordance with the General Laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for the storage of fuel and complaints received by citizens with reference to dogs considered a nuisance.

The Board reappointed Robert P. Jones a Patrolman in the Police Department and also appointed the following full time Patrolmen: Robert E. Marchand, Robert A. Castine, Brian F. Desmond, Paul J. Murphy, and Bernard J. Paiva.

The Board completed negotiations with the Boston and Maine Railroad and presented an article to the Town Meeting for the installation of crossing signals at the B. & M. R. R. station. These signals were installed, and payment has been made to the B. & M. R. R. in the amount of \$4,000.00 which was the amount agreed upon when this work was completed.

The Board has had many discussions with other boards and private firms toward the increasing of industrial and commercial establishments in the town, with the trend toward assisting in the lowering of future tax rates. It is hoped that during the year 1957 additional firms will take up residence in Reading to bring about the successful completion of the work which we have started.

The Board has appointed a committee for the study of a new swimming pool in the Town of Reading. This committee is presently working, and it is hoped that by the Town Meeting, or at least shortly thereafter, it will have a report on the possibilities of such a project. It is the feeling of our Board that this is a project of paramount importance and should, in accordance with available funds, be one which is completed in the very near future.

The Board has had several meetings with prospective tenants of the old high school and are presently formulating plans for the occupancy of this building by all interested organizations. It is our sincere hope that very early in 1957 the tenants will commence moving into this school, and thus a community center will be born in our town.

It is again our privilege to express our appreciation for the cooperation received from the Police Reserve Association and the Auxiliary Fire Department for the help they rendered throughout the year. We also extend our thanks to the Finance Committee and all other town departments with whom we have worked throughout the year for their splendid cooperation. Also we wish to thank the many committees appointed for the excellent job they are doing.

Sincerely submitted,

LAWRENCE DREW, Secretary

**REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS**  
**For the Year 1956**

**Valuation**

Real Estate		
Land, exclusive of buildings .....	\$ 4,578,250.00	
Buildings, exclusive of land .....	26,015,430.00	
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Total Value of Real Estate .....		\$30,593,680.00
Personal Property		
Stock in Trade .....	131,081.00	
Machinery .....	72,754.00	
Live Stock .....	16,643.00	
All Other .....	1,036,188.00	
Total Value of Personal Property .....		\$ 1,256,666.00
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Total Value of all Property .....		31,850,346.00
Amount Appropriated for Town Purposes	3,045,761.46	
Amount to be paid for State & County Taxes	113,623.03	
Amount of Overlay .....	54,742.00	

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3,214,126.49

Less Estimated Receipts .....	\$785,994.78	
Excise Tax .....	178,300.00	
Over Estimate 1955 .....	3,333.11	
Available Funds .....	404,755.80	1,372,383.69

Net Amount to be raised on Polls & Property \$ 1,841,742.80  
Tax Rate for 1956 — \$57.50

**Actual Commitments for 1956**

Real Estate Tax .....	\$ 1,759,179.72*
Personal Property Tax .....	72,259.02
Polls .....	10,346.00*
Excise .....	200,467.35
Moth .....	795.00
Sidewalk and Curbing .....	2,097.17
House Connections .....	3,133.45
Sewer Frontage .....	4,518.00
Highway .....	13,357.55
Water Liens .....	13,023.43

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\$ 2,079,176.69

\*Includes additional commitments since Tax Rate Date

Real Estate — \$35.94  
Polls — 6.00

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD B. CURRELL

RALPH T. HORN

WILLIAM T. FAIRCLOUGH

Board of Assessors

**REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES**  
**For the Year ended December 31, 1956**

**Taxes and Assessments 1953**

Uncollected December 31, 1955 .....	\$	.00		
Abatements Rescinded 1956 .....		68.08		
Interest and Costs Collected .....		6.68		
Paid Treasurer .....			\$	74.76
Uncollected December 31, 1956 .....				.00
	\$	74.76	\$	74.76

**Taxes and Assessments 1954**

Uncollected December 31, 1955 .....	\$	8,150.02		
Abatements Rescinded 1956 .....		72.61		
Interest and Costs Collected .....		492.69		
Paid Treasurer .....			\$	7,742.88
Abatements .....				96.01
Tax Takings .....				876.43
Uncollected December 31, 1956 .....				.00
	\$	8,715.32	\$	8,715.32

**Taxes and Assessments 1955**

Uncollected December 31, 1955 .....	\$	59,826.08		
Committed 1956 .....		9,541.67		
Refunds .....		1,869.76		
Interest and Costs Collected .....		1,023.91		
Paid Treasurer .....			\$	56,760.29
Abatements .....				4,289.83
Tax Takings .....				926.10
Uncollected December 31, 1956 .....				10,285.20
	\$	72,261.42	\$	72,261.42

**Taxes and Assessments 1956**

General Tax Warrant .....	\$2,079,176.69			
Refunds .....	14,912.63			
Interest and Costs Collected .....	583.61			
Paid Treasurer .....			\$1,956,867.15	
Abatements .....			55,696.31	
Tax Takings .....			1,172.91	
Uncollected December 31, 1956 .....			80,936.56	
	\$2,094,672.93	\$2,094,672.93		

### Sewer Rentals

Uncollected December 31, 1955 .....	\$	2,608.85		
Committed 1956 .....		25,585.82		
Refunds .....		8.32		
Interest and Costs Collected .....		209.36		
Paid Treasurer .....	\$		25,051.91	
Abatements .....			21.18	
Uncollected December 31, 1956 .....			3,339.26	
	\$	28,412.35	\$	28,412.35

### Highway Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1955 .....	\$	17,282.70		
Committed 1956 .....		37,045.14		
Interest Collected .....		.84		
Paid Treasurer .....	\$		3,125.61	
Betterment Apportioned .....			14,183.77	
Uncollected December 31, 1956 .....			37,019.30	
	\$	54,328.68	\$	54,328.68
Advance Payment Apportioned Highway .....	\$	4,796.81		
Interest Collected .....		18.57		
Paid Treasurer .....	\$		4,815.38	
	\$	59,144.06	\$	59,144.06

### Sidewalk Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1955 .....	\$	2,289.80		
Committed 1956 .....		4,419.60		
Interest Collected .....		.19		
Paid Treasurer .....	\$		465.80	
Betterment Apportioned .....			1,824.19	
Uncollected December 31, 1956 .....			4,419.60	
	\$	6,709.59	\$	6,709.59
Advance Payment Apportioned Sidewalk .....	\$	913.87		
Interest Collected .....		2.17		
Paid Treasurer .....			916.04	
	\$	7,625.63	\$	7,625.63

### Sewer Betterment

Uncollected December 31, 1955 .....	\$	12,594.87		
Committed 1956 .....		23,661.00		
Interest Collected .....		.15		
Paid Treasurer .....	\$		3,363.20	
Betterment Apportioned .....			9,231.82	
Uncollected December 31, 1956 .....			23,661.00	
	\$	36,256.02	\$	36,256.02



Advance Payment Apportioned Sewer .....	\$	1,937.91		
Interest Collected .....		278		
Paid Treasurer .....			\$	1,940.69
	\$	38,196.71	\$	38,196.71

#### Sewer House Connection

Uncollected December 31, 1955 .....	\$	8,774.41		
Committed 1956 .....		14,313.12		
Interest Collected .....		.15		
Paid Treasurer .....			\$	3,085.68
Betterment Apportioned .....				5,688.88
Uncollected December 31, 1956 .....				14,313.12
	\$	23,087.68	\$	23,087.68
Advance Payment Apportioned Sewer H. C. ....	\$	1,890.75		
Interest Collected .....		3.22		
Paid Treasurer .....			\$	1,893.97
	\$	24,981.65	\$	24,981.65

#### Moth Department

Committed 1956 .....	\$	2,519.50		
Paid Treasurer .....			\$	1,719.50
Abatements .....				5.00
Added to 1956 Real Estate Taxes .....				795.00
	\$	2,519.50	\$	2,519.50

#### Certificates

Certificates of Municipal Liens .....	\$	851.00		
Paid Treasurer .....			\$	851.00

#### Departmental Accounts

Departmental Tree Work .....	\$	145.12		
Tuition .....		53,055.74		
Sewer House Connection Acct. ....		741.76		
Public Welfare .....		4,380.22		
Old Age Assistance .....		96,064.94		
Main Pipe Extension .....		41,908.00		
Miscellaneous Repairs B.P.W. ....		963.39		
Veteran's Service .....		5,854.22		
Aid to Dependent Children .....		5,635.06		
Public Health .....		452.86		
Disability Assistance .....		5,895.98		
Paid Treasurer .....			\$	215,097.29
	\$	215,097.29	\$	215,097.29

### Water Rates and Miscellaneous

Uncollected December 31, 1955 .....	\$ 22,198.40	
Committed 1956 .....	167,261.20	
Refunds .....	189.60	
Paid Treasurer .....		\$ 153,089.47
Abatements .....		190.65
Water Liens added to 1956 Taxes .....		13,023.43
Uncollected December 31, 1956 .....		23,345.65
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	\$ 189,649.20	\$ 189,649.20

### Recapitulation of Receipts

Taxes and Assessments .....	\$2,021,445.08	
Sewer Rentals .....	25,051.91	
Betterments .....	19,609.37	
Departmental Accounts .....	216,813.79	
Water Rates and Miscellaneous .....	153,089.47	
Certificates of Municipal Liens .....	851.00	
Paid Treasurer as per Treasurer's Receipts .....		\$2,436,860.62
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	\$2,436,860.62	\$2,436,860.62

WILLIAM E. MORRISON,

Collector of Taxes

## REPORT OF THE TREASURER

For the Year Ended December 31, 1956

The transactions in the General Cash Account, in summary form, were as follows:

Balance January 1, 1956 .....	\$1,084,166.03
Receipts .....	7,706,438.49
Total .....	<hr/> \$8,790,604.52
Disbursements .....	7,485,587.47
Balance December 31, 1956 .....	<hr/> \$1,305,017.05

### Funded Debt

Outstanding January 1, 1956 .....	\$3,010,000.00
Bonds and Notes Issued in 1956 .....	1,400,000.00
	<hr/> \$4,410,000.00
Bonds and Notes Paid in 1956 .....	\$ 236,000.00
Outstanding December 31, 1956 .....	4,174,000.00
	<hr/> \$4,410,000.00

### Loans In Anticipation of Revenue

Outstanding January 1, 1956 .....	NONE
Notes Issued in 1956 @ 1.92% .....	\$ 250,000.00
	<hr/> \$ 250,000.00
Notes Paid in 1956 .....	\$ 250,000.00
Outstanding December 31, 1956 .....	NONE
	<hr/> \$ 250,000.00

A more detailed statement of receipts and disbursements, and a condensed version of my annual report of the trust funds of the Town, are presented in the report of the Town Accountant.

PRESTON F. NICHOLS,

Treasurer

**ANNUAL REPORT**

**OF THE**

**TOWN ACCOUNTANT**

**Receipts and Expenditures**

**for the year ended**

**December 31, 1956**

# **TOWN OF READING** **BALANCE SHEET — DECEMBER 31, 1956**

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash:		Payroll Deductions:	
General .....		Withholding Tax .....	\$ 15,899.62
Petty Cash Advances		Blue Cross .....	2,053.40
Library .....	\$		<hr/>
Light .....	15.00	Tailings .....	590.43
Schools .....	400.00	Dog Licenses due County .....	196.80
Selectmen .....	218.00	Sporting Licenses due State .....	84.00
Water .....	50.00	Overestimates:	
Welfare .....	100.00	County T.B. Hospital .....	1,963.12
	50.00	Road Machinery Fund .....	35,787.11
	<hr/>	Cemetery Sale of Lots & Graves Fund	13,040.02
Accounts Receivable:		Reserve for Petty Cash Advances ...	833.00
Taxes:		Trust Fund Income:	
Levy of 1955:		Parker Hospital Fund .....	2,280.75
Poll .....	40.00	Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund ...	190.20
Personal .....	249.32	Foster Hospital Fund .....	43.14
Real Estate .....	9,480.59	Foster Library Fund .....	158.13
	<hr/>	Torrey Library Fund .....	16.25
Levy of 1956:			<hr/>
Poll .....	106.00	Reserve For Appropriation From Stabilization	
Personal .....	3,101.22	Fund for New Fire Sta. Constr. ....	90,000.00
Real Estate .....	45,311.66	Guarantee Deposits:	
	<hr/>	Sewer House Connections .....	78.75
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise:		Light Consumers Deposits .....	8,945.00
Levy of 1955 .....	93.40		<hr/>
Levy of 1956 .....	30,240.12		
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Special Assessments:

Moth 1956 .....	18.50	21,416.26
Sewer Unapportioned .....	23,661.00	6,819.87
Sewer 1955 .....	15.02	339,773.98
Sewer 1956 .....	207.08	94,462.69
Sewer Interest 1955 .....	3.60	
Sewer Interest 1956 .....	26.57	
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Sewer House Conn., Unappor. ....	14,313.12	
Sewer House Conn. 1955 .....	7.77	
Sewer House Conn. 1956 .....	63.69	
Sewer House Conn. Int. 1955 ....	2.49	
Sewer House Conn. Int. 1956 ....	15.70	
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Sidewalk Unapportioned .....	4,419.60	
Sidewalk 1956 .....	53.41	
Sidewalk Interest 1956 .....	13.41	
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Highway Unapportioned .....	37,019.30	
Highway 1955 .....	19.68	
Highway 1956 .....	180.92	
Highway Interest 1955 .....	3.48	
Highway Interest 1956 .....	100.98	
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Sewer Rentals .....	3,339.26	

Departmental:

Health .....	220.00	
Sewer House Conn. ....	66.07	
Water Main Extension .....	456.22	
Public Welfare .....	755.90	
A.D.C. From State .....	2,825.60	

Recoveries: Old Age Assistance ....  
Salvage Committee Fund .....

Appropriation Balance Forward .....		21,416.26
Overlay Surplus Reserve .....		6,819.87
Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		339,773.98
Levy of 1955 .....	9,769.91	94,462.69
Levy of 1956 .....	11,754.82	21,524.73

Revenues Reserved until Collected:

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	30,333.52	
Special Assessments .....	83,484.58	
Departmental .....	7,178.09	
Tax Titles .....	3,133.04	
Tax Possessions .....	3,238.35	
State and County Aid to Highways	42,750.00	
Water Rates and Liens .....	25,212.80	
Light Rates .....	280,243.66	475,574.04

Water Available Surplus .....

Sale of Real Estate .....	21,564.81	
Surplus Revenue .....	341.28	336,463.22

37,324.36

# ASSETS

O.A.A. — Other .....	440.46
Public Works .....	758.12
Tree and Moth .....	1,214.22
Veterans' Aid from State .....	441.50
<b>Tax Titles .....</b>	<b>3,133.04</b>
<b>Tax Possessions .....</b>	<b>3,238.35</b>
<b>Aid to Highways, Chapter 90:</b>	
State .....	28,000.00
	14,750.00
<b>Water:</b>	<b>42,750.00</b>
Rates, etc. ....	23,345.65
Liens added to taxes .....	369.85
Liens added to taxes .....	1,497.30
<b>Light:</b>	
Rates, etc. ....	280,243.66
Consumers Deposits .....	8,945.00
<b>Due From Stabilization Fund for</b>	
<b>New Fire Station Construction .....</b>	<b>90,000.00</b>
<b>Underestimates:</b>	
State Parks and Reservations ...	1,697.56
Metropolitan Sewerage .....	1,248.86
County Tax .....	2,434.65
Flood Relief Emergency — State ...	5,381.07
	19,949.86
	<b>\$1,490,100.60</b>

# LIABILITIES

**\$1,490,100.60**

# **NON-REVENUE ACCOUNTS**

Cash .....	\$473,888.21	New High School Construction .....	\$ 22,885.90
Portion of School Loan invested in accordance with Chapter 59, Acts of 1951 .....	426,465.40	New High School Sewer Constr. ....	19,205.04
		Library Addition Construction .....	178.17
		Water Construction — Standpipe ...	2,560.94
		Water Construction — Wells .....	262.62
		Elem. School, Forest St. Constr. ....	621,330.22
		Mun. Light — Special Constr. 1956	218,081.05
		Mun. Light — Special Constr. No. Reading .....	540.69
		Mun. Light — Regular Constr. ....	15,308.98
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	\$900,353.61		\$900,353.61

# **DEFERRED ACCOUNTS**

Apportioned Sewer Assts not due ....	\$ 17,998.41	Appor. Sewer Assts. Rev. 1957-1974	\$ 17,998.41
Appor. Sewer H.C. Assts. not due ....	10,655.78	App Sewer H.C. Assts. Rev 1957-1974	10,655.78
Appor. Sidewalk Assts. not due .....	5,790.17	App. Sidewalk Assts. Rev. 1957-1975	5,790.17
Appor. Highway Assts. not due .....	59,276.84	App. Highway Assts. Rev. 1957-1975	59,276.84
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	\$ 93,721.20		\$ 93,721.20

# **DEBT ACCOUNTS**

Net Funded or Fixed Debt:			
Inside Debt Limit .....	\$1,038,000.00	Inside Debt Limit:	
Outside Debt Limit .....	3,136,000.00	Sewer .....	1948 \$ 8,000.00
		Sewer .....	1953 140,000.00
		School — Eaton .....	1948 300,000.00
		School —Senior High .....	1952 160,000.00
		School — Forest St. ....	1956 400,000.00
		Library .....	1949 30,000.00
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			\$1,038,000.00

# Outside Debt Limit:

School — Pearl St. ....	1938 \$	10,000.00
School — Senior High .....	1952	1,600,000.00
School — Forest St. ....	1956	400,000.00
Light .....	1939	3,000.00
Light .....	1949	45,000.00
Light .....	1951	110,000.00
Light .....	1953	105,000.00
Light .....	1955	115,000.00
Light .....	1956	600,000.00
Water .....	1948	2,000.00
Water .....	1948	4,000.00
Water .....	1949	4,000.00
Water .....	1950	28,000.00
Water .....	1952	110,000.00
		3,136,000.00
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		\$4,174,000.00

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## TRUST AND INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS

Cash and Securities .....		
	\$668,961.40	
Parker Hospital Fund .....		239,358.91
Grouard Hospital Fund .....		97,150.78
Foster Hospital Fund .....		3,874.22
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund .....		167,803.31
Ethel E. Grant Fund .....		38,833.63
R.H.S. Scholarship Fund .....		5,447.31
Kenneth L. Brown Award Fund ...		1,019.93
Public Library Fund .....		1,086.19
Wadlin Library Fund .....		1,831.71
Tuttle Library Fund .....		619.88
Appleton Library Fund .....		5,181.30

Torrey Library Fund .....	1,071.67
Foster Library Fund .....	11,992.13
Post War Rehabilitation Fund .....	711.50
Stabilization Fund .....	92,978.93
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	\$668,961.40

Torrey Library Fund .....
Foster Library Fund .....
Post War Rehabilitation Fund .....
Stabilization Fund .....

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\$668,961.40

### CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT FUND

Annuitiy Savings Fund .....	\$271,709.37
Annuitiy Reserve Fund .....	46,096.91
Military Service Fund .....	3,569.25
Pension Fund .....	48,383.11
Expense Fund .....	220.86
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	\$369,979.50

Annuitiy Savings Fund .....
Annuitiy Reserve Fund .....
Military Service Fund .....
Pension Fund .....
Expense Fund .....

\$ 6,755.89
361,620.38
1,603.23
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\$369,979.50

Cash .....
Investments .....
Accrued Interest .....



**TOWN OF READING, MASS.**  
**CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF FUNDED DEBT**  
**December 31, 1956**

Due	SEWER		SCHOOLS		LIBRARY		LIGHT		WATER		TOTAL	
	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.	Prin.	Int.
1957	\$ 24,000.00	\$ 3,450.00	\$ 180,000.00	\$ 68,975.00	\$10,000.00	\$375.00	\$ 69,000.00	\$ 25,458.75	\$ 22,000.00	\$ 2,447.50	\$ 305,000.00	\$100,706.25
1958	24,000.00	2,910.00	180,000.00	64,752.50	10,000.00	250.00	69,000.00	23,738.25	22,000.00	2,095.00	305,000.00	93,745.75
1959	20,000.00	2,400.00	175,000.00	60,530.00	10,000.00	125.00	69,000.00	22,017.75	17,000.00	1,750.00	291,000.00	86,822.75
1960	20,000.00	1,920.00	175,000.00	56,395.00			68,000.00	20,297.25	17,000.00	1,487.50	280,000.00	80,099.75
1961	20,000.00	1,440.00	175,000.00	52,260.00			63,000.00	18,591.75	10,000.00	1,225.00	268,000.00	73,516.75
1962	20,000.00	960.00	175,000.00	48,125.00			62,000.00	17,016.25	10,000.00	1,050.00	267,000.00	67,151.25
1963	20,000.00	480.00	175,000.00	43,990.00			62,000.00	15,456.75	5,000.00	875.00	262,000.00	60,801.75
1964			175,000.00	39,855.00			47,000.00	13,897.25	5,000.00	787.50	227,000.00	54,539.75
1965			175,000.00	35,720.00			47,000.00	12,697.75	5,000.00	700.00	227,000.00	49,117.75
1966			175,000.00	31,585.00			42,000.00	11,542.00	5,000.00	612.50	222,000.00	43,739.50
1967			175,000.00	27,450.00			42,000.00	10,430.00	5,000.00	525.00	222,000.00	38,405.00
1968			175,000.00	23,315.00			42,000.00	9,318.00	5,000.00	437.50	222,000.00	33,070.50
1969			150,000.00	19,180.00			42,000.00	8,186.00	5,000.00	350.00	197,000.00	27,716.00
1970			150,000.00	15,545.00			42,000.00	7,074.00	5,000.00	262.50	197,000.00	22,781.50
1971			150,000.00	11,910.00			42,000.00	5,962.00	5,000.00	175.00	197,000.00	18,047.00
1972			150,000.00	8,275.00			35,000.00	4,870.00	5,000.00	87.50	190,000.00	13,232.50
1973			40,000.00	4,640.00			35,000.00	3,870.00			75,000.00	8,510.00
1974			40,000.00	3,480.00			35,000.00	2,870.00			75,000.00	6,350.00
1975			40,000.00	2,320.00			35,000.00	1,870.00			75,000.00	4,190.00
1976			40,000.00	1,160.00			30,000.00	870.00			70,000.00	2,030.00
Total	\$148,000.00	\$13,560.00	\$2,870,000.00	\$619,462.50	\$30,000.00	\$750.00	\$978,000.00	\$236,033.75	\$148,000.00	\$14,867.50	\$4,174,000.00	\$884,673.75

# RECEIPTS FOR 1956

## General Revenue

### Taxes

#### Current Year:

Poll .....	\$	8,724.00	
Personal .....		68,956.83	
Real Estate .....		1,671,668.92	\$1,749,349.75

#### Previous Years:

Poll .....	\$	50.00	
Personal .....		2,239.98	
Real Estate .....		44,951.65	47,241.63

Tax Titles Sold .....			2.00
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Tax Title Redemptions .....			682.50
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#### From the State:

Corporation Tax .....	\$	89,184.61	
Income Tax			
Valuation .....	\$	73,788.05	
Education .....		105,300.00	\$ 268,272.66

### Licenses

#### Board of Selectmen.

Amusement .....	\$	84.00	
Auctioneer .....		8.00	
Firearms .....		35.00	
Inn Holder .....		1.00	
Junk .....		30.00	
Lord's Day .....		105.00	
Peddler .....		4.00	
Second-hand Articles .....		2.00	
Second-hand Autos .....		100.00	
Taxicab .....		21.00	
Theater .....		5.00	
Trucking .....		24.00	
Victualer .....		160.00	
Parking .....		5.00	
Special Auction .....		5.00	\$ 589.00

#### Board of Health:

Frozen Desserts .....		5.00	
Kindergarten .....		9.00	
Offensive Trades .....		38.00	\$ 52.00

#### From the State:

Peddlers .....			60.00
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### Permits

Building .....	\$	2,321.50	
Marriage .....		290.00	
Plumbing .....		1,484.50	
Revolver .....		121.50	\$ 4,217.50

Fines, Court .....			\$ 130.00
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## Grants and Gifts

### From the Federal Government:

Old Age Assistance .....	\$	81,134.89	
Aid to Dependent Children .....		12,529.29	
Disability Assistance .....		5,804.21	
School Lunches .....		27,499.36	\$ 126,967.75

### From the State:

School Construction Aid .....	\$	57,498.12	
Paraplegics .....		909.94	
Meals Tax .....		4,849.56	\$ 63,257.62

### From the County:

Dog Licenses .....			2,743.61
Addison-Wesley Publishing Co. ....			10,000.00

## Special Assessments

Tree and Moth .....	\$	835.68	
Sewer .....		8,850.83	
Sewer House Connections .....		8,341.35	
Sidewalk .....		3,135.16	
Highway .....		18,279.23	\$ 39,442.25

## Privileges

Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise .....			170,803.81
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## Departmental — General Government

### Selectmen:

Advertising Hearings .....	\$	59.63	
Sale of Books .....			
Street Lists .....		414.40	
Traffic Laws .....		.25	
Zoning Laws .....		.75	

Miscellaneous .....		10.00	
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Treasurer .....		35.18	
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Collector .....		1,532.73	
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### Town Clerk:

Mortgages .....		1,584.90	
Pole Locations .....		87.50	
Birth, Marriage and Death Certificates .....		207.30	
Dog License Fees .....		320.40	
Sporting License Fees .....		130.50	
Other Certificates and Permits .....		119.38	
Board of Appeals Hearings .....		190.00	\$ 4,692.92

## Protection of Persons and Property

### Police Department:

Ambulance Fees .....	\$	1,309.00	
Bicycle Registrations .....		109.25	
Sealer of Weights and Measures .....		111.70	
Inspector of Wires .....		108.25	
Tree and Moth .....		1,864.62	\$ 3,502.82

Health and Sanitation			
Tuberculosis, State Subsidy .....	452.86		
Dental Clinic .....	509.65		
Inspector of Milk and Food .....	20.00		
Dog Clinic .....	412.00		
Sewer Rentals .....	24,834.23 \$	26,228.74	
Highways			
State & County Joint Maint. Chapt. 90 .....	\$ 2,859.76		
Road Machinery Departmental Charges ....	35,787.11 \$	38,646.87	
Charities			
Reimbursement for Relief:			
From Cities and Towns .....	\$ 1,502.62		
From the State .....	2,877.60		
Sale of Car .....	125.00		
Reimbursement for O.A.A.:			
From the State .....	\$ 5,635.06		
Reimbursement from O.A.A.:			
From Cities and Towns .....	\$ 3,700.84		
From the State .....	92,364.10		
Recoveries .....	19,223.71		
Rent from Girl Scouts .....	75.00		
Reimbursement for Disability Assistance:			
From the State .....	\$ 5,895.98 \$	131,399.91	
Veterans Services			
Reimbursement from the State, Relief ....	\$ 5,246.97		
Reimbursement from Cities and Towns	607.25 \$	5,854.22	
Schools			
Vocational Tuition, State .....	\$ 1,632.83		
Tuition, other .....	51,422.91		
Sale of Textbooks and Supplies .....	752.54		
Cafeterias .....	83,753.48		
Athletics .....	5,870.14 \$	143,431.90	
Library			
Fines .....	\$ 1,743.64		
Income for New Books and Records .....	552.35 \$	2,295.99	
Unclassified			
Sale of Real Estate .....	\$ 325.00		
Light Dept . in Lieu of Taxes .....	75,127.50		
Damage Settlements .....	1,552.68		
Lease of Land .....	150.00		
Reimbursement for Insurance:			
Sewer .....	\$ 2,025.01		
School .....	420.73		
Light .....	8,798.37		
Water .....	3,604.73 \$	92,004.02	

## Public Service Enterprises

### Light Department:

Sale of Light and Power .....	\$1,415,320.28	
Mdse and Jobbing .....	68,359.23	
Miscellaneous (Refunds) .....	8,986.50	\$1,492,666.01

### Water Department:

Sale of Water .....	\$ 111,022.32	
Services, Repairs, etc. ....	41,463.58	
Liens added to Taxes .....	12,180.65	
Main Pipe Extension .....	42,871.39	\$ 207,537.94

### Cemeteries

Sale of Lots and Graves .....	\$ 2,761.25	
Care of Lots and Graves .....	6,995.93	
Care of Endowed Lots (Int. on Funds) .....	3,031.49	\$ 12,788.67

### Interest

On Sewer Rentals .....	\$ 59.56	
On Deferred Taxes .....	1,427.87	
On Special Assessments .....	4,323.53	
On Salvage Fund .....	101.71	
On Public Trust Funds:		
Parker Hospital Fund .....	\$ 4,162.80	
Grouard Hospital Fund .....	2,130.10	
Foster Hospital Fund .....	43.14	
R.H.S. Scholarship Fund .....	150.00	
Torrey Library Fund .....	32.50	
Foster Library Fund .....	158.13	
Brown Scholarship Award .....	25.00	
On Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund .....	2,740.40	
On Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise .....	135.97	
On Tax Title Redemption .....	35.26	
On Loans, Accrued .....	7,196.00	\$ 22,721.97

### Municipal Indebtedness

Anticipation of Revenue Loan .....	\$ 250,000.00	
Light Loan .....	600,000.00	
School Loan .....	800,000.00	
Premium on Loans .....	2,487.80	\$1,652,487.80

### Agency, Trust and Investment

Dog Licenses for County .....	\$ 3,428.60	
Sporting Licenses for State .....	1,576.50	
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund .....	6,188.75	
Withholding Taxes .....	177,173.48	
Blue Cross — Blue Shield .....	24,402.30	
Tailings .....	186.15	
Investment Fund Transfers .....	15,872.24	
Investment Fund Transactions .....	1,130,869.00	\$1,359,697.02

### Refunds

Departmental .....	\$ 9,701.90	
Taxes, Assts., Public Service Ent. etc. ....	16,967.71	\$ 26,669.61

Total .....		\$7,706,438.49
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# **CLASSIFICATION OF EXPENDITURES**

**1956**

## **General Government**

### **Selectmen**

Personal Services — Clerical .....	\$	1,533.15
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### **Expense**

Reimbursement for Expenses .....	\$	269.71	
Telephone .....		188.62	
Postage .....		145.06	
Towels .....		13.80	
Association Dues .....		69.00	
Printing, Stationery and Forms .....		125.43	
Annotated Laws .....		45.00	
Advertising Hearings .....		104.50	
Machine Service .....		17.50	
Signs — Hunting .....		191.00	
Trophy — Police Pistol .....		8.55	
Supplies .....		241.39	
Printing Reports .....		356.00	\$ 1,775.56

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### **Accountant**

#### **Personal Services**

Accountant .....	\$	4,982.00	
Clerical .....		741.00	\$ 5,723.00

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### **Expense**

Postage .....	\$	56.54	
Supplies and Equipment .....		113.17	
Association Dues .....		35.00	
Machine Service and Maintenance .....		78.24	
Travel Expense .....		141.75	
Other .....		9.72	\$ 434.42

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### **Treasurer**

#### **Personal Services**

Treasurer .....	\$	2,937.50	
Clerical .....		1,260.43	\$ 4,197.93

### **Expense**

Postage .....	\$	785.17	
Stationery and Supplies .....		129.18	
Telephone .....		122.41	
Stencils and Filing Checks .....		166.02	
Machine Service .....		70.50	
Towels .....		8.70	
Other .....		31.06	
Bond Issue Expense .....		537.95	\$ 1,850.99

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## Collector

### Personal Services

Collector .....	\$	4,725.00	
Clerical .....		6,826.50	\$ 11,551.50

### Expense

Books and Printing .....	\$	895.58	
Telephone .....		98.08	
Supplies and Equipment .....		383.93	
Postage .....		835.92	
Other .....		79.07	\$ 2,292.58

## Assessors

### Personal Services

Assessors (3) .....	\$	4,275.00	
Clerical .....		6,403.20	\$ 10,678.20

### Expense

Meetings .....	\$	149.83	
Auto Hire .....		80.00	
Telephone .....		141.21	
Supplies and Equipment .....		729.17	
Maps .....		570.00	
Printing and Forms .....		485.63	
Postage .....		80.62	
Registry of Deeds .....		345.36	
Other .....		126.10	\$ 2,707.92

## Town Counsel

Personal Services .....			\$ 2,937.50
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### Expense

Stenographic Services .....	\$	1,006.42	
Court Costs and Witness Fees .....		23.55	
Telephone, Travel and Postage .....		79.26	
Stationery and Supplies .....		100.00	
Decisions and Annotated Laws .....		82.00	
Examination of Titles and Records .....		400.00	
Plans and Photostating .....		109.68	
Court Reporter .....		10.40	
Recording Fees .....		20.79	
Other .....		167.90	\$ 2,000.00

## Town Clerk

### Personal Services

Town Clerk .....	\$	1,925.00	
Clerical .....		3,347.75	\$ 5,272.75

# Expense

Printing, Stationery and Supplies .....	\$	237.31	
Postage .....		148.27	
Telephone .....		146.36	
Association Dues .....		17.50	
Advertising and Notices .....		84.00	
Meetings and Travel .....		157.50	
Binding .....		29.00	\$ 819.94

# Registration

## Personal Services

Registrars .....	\$	300.00	
Assistant Registrars .....		1,825.97	
Clerk .....		200.00	\$ 2,325.97

# Expense

Printing and Supplies .....	\$	143.13	
Telephone .....		30.87	
Machine Service .....		7.50	\$ 181.50

# Election

Election Officers .....	\$	2,403.85	
Hall Rent .....		350.00	
Installing Booths and Wiring .....		529.17	
Lunches .....		231.56	
Printing Voters List, Ballots and Counters .....		1,512.51	
Finance Committee Reports .....		282.00	
Advertising and Posting Warrants .....		471.00	
Supplies .....		50.34	
Postage .....		37.26	\$ 5,867.69

# Board of Appeals

Clerical .....	\$	146.25	
Supplies .....		6.55	
Advertising Hearings .....		189.53	\$ 342.33

# Planning Board

Dues .....	\$	20.00	
Clerical .....		17.00	
Maps .....		229.26	
Advertising Hearings .....		64.75	
Legal Fees .....		250.00	\$ 581.01

# Capital Expenditures Planning Committee

Clerical .....	\$	3.99	
Printing Report .....		196.02	\$ 200.01

#### Finance Committee

Dues .....	\$	25.00	
Association Meetings .....		10.20	
Printing .....		5.00	
Postage .....		19.20	\$ 59.40

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#### Personnel Board

Dues .....	\$	25.00	
Stationery .....		8.00	\$ 33.00

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#### Municipal Building

Janitor .....	\$	3,252.86	
Fuel .....		610.89	
Gas and Light .....		740.70	
Water and Sewer .....		66.30	
Supplies .....		451.20	
Summer Janitor .....		40.00	
Repairs to Building and Grounds .....		784.38	
Water Cooler .....		209.60	
Floor Polisher .....		150.00	
Linoleum Floors .....		365.00	
Furniture and Equipment .....		456.00	\$ 7,126.93

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#### Old High School Building Maintenance

Janitor Service .....	\$	579.00	
Coal .....		321.69	
Light .....		37.67	
Water .....		8.00	
Sewer .....		6.00	
Removal of Ashes .....		37.50	
Repairs .....		666.31	
Other .....		88.85	\$ 1,745.02

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Total General Government .....	\$	72,238.30
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### Protection of Persons and Property

#### Police Department

##### Personal Services

Chief .....	\$	5,295.93	
Lieutenant .....		2,909.04	
Sergeants .....		17,757.88	
Patrolmen .....		72,485.64	
Special Work .....		1,334.08	
Clerk .....		2,340.00	
Janitor .....		1,200.00	\$ 103,322.57

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## Department Maintenance Expense

Traffic Officers' Uniforms .....	\$	186.00	
Chief's Expense .....		195.85	
Gasoline Expense .....		2,476.09	
Radio Repairs .....		565.15	
Gamewell System .....		1,130.00	
Station Signals .....		49.38	
Bicycle Expense .....		27.00	
Revolver Permits .....		19.50	
Traffic Lights .....		871.39	
Traffic Lanes .....		1,481.81	
Automobile Repairs .....		881.69	
New Tires .....		254.87	
Printing and Stationery .....		570.36	
Reserve Police .....		225.68	
Telephone Expense .....		797.51	
Washing Cars .....		144.00	
Coats and Caps .....		244.85	
Police School .....		200.00	
Oil and Grease .....		83.70	
Chains and Alcohol .....		48.01	
Batteries .....		54.77	
Revolvers .....		150.00	
Target Practice .....		113.56	
All Others .....		1,281.11	12,052.28
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## Station Maintenance Expense

Water and Sewer .....	\$	73.80	
Electricity .....		369.31	
Fuel .....		486.59	
Repairs .....		957.50	
Janitor's Supplies .....		163.66	
Laundry .....		69.73	2,120.59
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Pensions .....	\$	7,958.00	
New Uniforms .....		1,276.65	
New Station Wagon .....		1,132.00	
New Ambulance .....		8,632.69	

## Fire Department

### Personal Services

Chief .....	\$	5,300.10	
Deputy Chief .....		4,625.53	
Captains .....		8,839.48	
Lieutenants .....		4,125.42	
Privates .....		63,715.30	
Callmen .....		5,574.98	92,180.81



## Department Maintenance Expense

Chief's Expenses (Incl. travel out of State) \$	66.00	
Telephone .....	424.43	
Laundry .....	560.60	
Bedding, etc. ....	36.34	
Motor Apparatus Maintenance .....	2,362.90	
Gasoline and Oil .....	1,031.73	
Repairs, other Equipment .....	146.34	
New Hose .....	1,331.63	
New Appliances .....	245.07	
Equipment and Supplies .....	929.81	
Equipment for Men .....	816.22	
Forest Fires .....	308.52	
Forest Fire Patrol .....	86.45	
Office Expenses .....	249.45	
Salary of Dispatcher .....	158.33	
Salary of Mechanic .....	400.00	
All Others .....	546.03 \$	9,699.85

## Station Maintenance Expense

### Central Station

Gas .....	\$ 90.93	
Fuel .....	683.53	
Building Repairs .....	510.80	
Lighting .....	183.19	
Water and Sewer .....	138.09	
Supplies .....	433.50	
Furnishings .....	233.54	
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	\$ 2,273.58	

### Station No. 2, Woburn Street

Gas .....	\$ 41.15	
Fuel .....	348.63	
Building Repairs .....	68.33	
Lighting .....	71.64	
Water and Sewer .....	14.00	
Supplies .....	22.40	
Furnishings .....	60.00	
Salary of Steward .....	300.00	

	\$ 926.15 \$	3,199.73
Pensions .....	\$	1,375.00

## Fire Alarm Maintenance

### Personal Services

Salary of Superintendent .....	\$ 350.00	
Pay Rolls .....	2,299.74 \$	2,649.74

Department Expenses		
Truck Maintenance .....	\$ 206.37	
Power for Fire Alarm and Police Signals .....	49.34	
Material, Supplies and Equipment .....	1,443.05	
Radio Maintenance .....	192.32	
Paint Fire Alarm Shop .....	190.00	
Fire Alarm Boxes .....	596.50	
All Others .....	92.08 \$	2,769.66
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Fire Alarm Extension		
Personal Services		
Pay Rolls .....	\$ 998.63	
Department Expenses		
Material, Supplies and Equipment .....	\$ 600.00	
New Uniforms .....	585.46	
New Firehouse Study .....	759.15	
Fire Alarm Ext. to No. Reading .....	1,000.00	
New Chief's Car .....	1,995.00	
New Pumping Fire Engine — Advertising ....	2.71	
New Fire Station Construction .....	5,752.25	
Hydrant Rentals .....	6,390.00	
Drinking Fountains .....	100.00	
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Tree and Moth Department		
Personal Services		
Tree Warden .....	\$ 420.00	
Superintendent .....	4,438.00	
Climbers and Laborers .....	17,724.00 \$	22,582.00
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Expense		
Fuel, Light, Water and Sewer .....	\$ 134.96	
Printing and Advertising .....	99.50	
Telephone .....	248.18	
Clerical .....	61.25	
Supplies .....	336.91	
Equipment Expense .....	2,656.07	
Trees .....	306.50	
Lead .....	1,018.08	
Insecticide .....	328.72	
Car Expense .....	104.00	
Other .....	177.24 \$	5,471.41
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Town Forest .....	424.39	
Dutch Elm Control .....	3,417.18	
Mosquito Control .....	680.00	
Garage Repairs .....	1,500.00	
New Pick-up Truck .....	1,600.00	
Inspector of Buildings		
Salary .....	\$ 3,937.50	

Expense			
Car .....	\$	300.00	
Telephone .....		99.18	
Membership Dues .....		7.00	
Printing Permits .....		65.00	
Photos .....		14.74	
Desk and Chair .....		208.05	\$ 693.97
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Inspector of Wires			
Salary .....	\$		700.00
Expense			
Car .....	\$	247.39	
Printing Inspection Cards .....		36.00	
Megger .....		246.21	
Acting Inspector .....		26.92	\$ 556.52
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Sealer of Weights and Measures			
Salary .....	\$		700.00
Expense			
Car .....	\$	186.00	
Printing and Supplies .....		56.20	\$ 242.20
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Game Warden's Salary .....	\$		105.00
Dog Officer			
Salary .....	\$		375.00
Expense			
Car .....	\$	81.83	
Telephone .....		182.65	
Light .....		10.06	
Fuel .....		72.90	
Supplies .....		20.15	
Wiring .....		23.00	
Plowing .....		5.00	\$ 395.59
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Traffic Control — Schools .....	\$		2,817.50
Civil Defense .....			1,408.05
R.R. Signal Installation .....			4,000.00
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Total Protection of Persons and Property .....	\$		318,159.08

### Health and Sanitation

#### Board of Health

##### Personal Services

Doctors, 2 @ \$125.00 .....	\$	250.00	
Clerk .....		1,300.00	
Health Agent .....		700.00	
Plumbing Inspector .....		1,500.00	\$ 3,750.00
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Expense		
Telephone .....	\$ 161.76	
Supplies .....	70.27	
Printing .....	28.25	
Car .....	200.00	
Machine Service .....	52.00	
Clerical, extra .....	56.25	
Meetings .....	26.25	
Other .....	6.86 \$	601.64
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Inspector of Animals Salary .....		400.00
Inspector of Milk and Food		
Salary .....	\$ 350.00	
Expense .....	50.00 \$	400.00
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Care of Contagious Diseases .....	\$ 3,582.65	
Premature Babies .....	167.50	
Garbage Collection .....	14,400.00	
Dental Clinic .....	2,849.34	
Child Welfare		
Doctor .....	\$ 300.00	
Visiting Nurse Association .....	300.00 \$	600.00
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Total Health and Sanitation .....	\$ 26,751.13	

### Public Works

Administration		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 9,080.60	
Expense		
Telephone .....	585.48	
Supplies .....	1,387.87 \$	11,053.95
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Engineering Division		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 24,707.58	
Expense		
Supplies .....	\$ 1,926.91	
Auto Mileage .....	260.00 \$	26,894.49
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Highway Department		
Pay Roll .....	\$ 54,979.78	
Expense		
Machinery Rental .....	4,897.98	
Lights .....	316.21	
Phone .....	495.49	
Supplies .....	10,532.83	
Fuel Oil .....	1,072.95	

Curbing .....	243.24		
Sand/Gravel .....	2,355.15		
Tar Patch .....	6,035.49		
Asphalt .....	7,083.29		
Express/Freight .....	19.51		
Hired Equipment .....	1,597.72		
New Equipment .....	1,295.00		
Resurfacing Sts. ....	1,050.37		
Other .....	1,496.54	\$	93,471.55
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Snow and Ice			
Pay Roll .....	\$	44,966.32	
Expense			
Snow Plowing and Hauling .....	14,437.72		
Salt .....	4,587.52		
Sand/Gravel .....	6,450.65		
Machinery Rental .....	7,541.31		
Hired Equipment .....	1,327.02		
Weather Advisers .....	220.00		
Fuel Oil .....	262.85		
Supplies/Repairs .....	8,335.60		
Gasoline .....	3,451.94		
Express .....	15.29		
New Equipment .....	569.00	\$	92,165.22
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Chapter 90 Construction — 1955			
Pay Roll .....	\$	2.25	
Expense			
Supplies .....	390.50	\$	392.75
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Chapter 90 Maintenance			
Pay Roll .....	\$	860.61	
Expense			
Machinery Rental .....	325.18		
Asphalt .....	1,338.17		
Sand/Stone .....	1,883.19		
Supplies .....	62.90	\$	4,470.05
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Maintenance Storm Drains			
Pay Roll .....	\$	6,389.41	
Expense			
Supplies .....	679.52		
Machinery Rental .....	908.00		
Hired Equipment .....	1,627.03		
New Equipment .....	1,295.00		
Pipe .....	411.16		
Express .....	4.00	\$	11,314.12
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#### Drainage Construction

Pay Roll .....	\$	17,353.23	
Expense			
Supplies and Tools .....	\$	2,105.07	
Machinery Rental .....		2,207.05	
Pipe .....		1,195.46	
Manhole Covers/Frames .....		1,924.10	
Sand/Gravel/Brick .....		864.51	
Hired Equipment .....		909.30	
Contract Payment .....		11,088.71	
Advertising .....		250.50	
Tar Patch .....		1,069.25	\$ 38,967.18

#### Sidewalk Maintenance

Pay Roll .....	\$	3,333.19	
Expense			
Supplies .....	\$	1,394.07	
Stonedust .....		199.89	
Machinery Rental .....		643.78	
Hired Equipment .....		239.00	
Gravel/Sand .....		557.45	6,367.38

#### Sidewalk Construction

Pay Roll .....	\$	7,038.35	
Expense			
Supplies .....		515.39	
Machinery Rental .....		391.39	
Sand/Gravel .....		2,807.25	
Contract Payment .....		122.85	
Tar Patch .....		100.00	
Advertising .....		99.00	
Hired Equipment .....		333.75	\$ 11,407.98

#### Sewer Maintenance

Pay Roll .....	\$	4,865.58	
Expense			
Supplies .....		2,081.97	
Machinery Rental .....		477.48	
Light and Power .....		223.95	
Fuel Oil .....		182.00	
Insurance .....		505.77	
Interest on Bonds .....		3,990.00	
Water Works Assoc. ....		207.15	
Sand/Gravel .....		319.99	
New Equipment .....		1,295.00	
Hired Equipment .....		212.00	\$ 14,360.89

## Sewer Construction

Pay Roll .....	\$	18,910.96	
Expense			
Supplies and Repairs .....	\$	3,190.96	
Machinery Rental .....		1,452.25	
Hired Equipment .....		745.00	
Tar Patch .....		844.68	
Gravel/Sand/Stone/Brick .....		785.70	
Pipe .....		7,322.64	
Insurance .....		1,519.24	
Contract Payment .....		9,222.12	
Manhole Covers/Frames .....		339.50	
Blasting .....		835.69	
Advertising .....		214.40	\$ 45,383.04

## Sewer House Connection

Pay Roll .....	\$	12,125.20	
Expense			
Supplies/Repairs .....	\$	6,720.83	
Machinery Rental .....		1,500.54	
Hired Equipment .....		1,266.01	
Manhole Covers .....		106.00	
Express .....		14.75	
Pipe .....		696.84	
Sand/Gravel .....		69.73	
New Equipment .....		1,837.50	
Brick/Cement .....		37.80	\$ 24,375.20

## John Street Dump

Pay Roll .....	\$	5,964.52	
Expense			
Hired Equipment .....		1,519.76	
Gravel .....		209.81	
Supplies .....		209.66	\$ 7,903.75

## Arthur B. Lord Drive Const.

Pay Roll .....	\$	6,547.01	
Expense			
Machinery Rental .....		2,286.80	
Pipe .....		1,055.66	
Hired Equipment .....		7,398.92	
Supplies .....		2,281.75	\$ 19,570.14

## Mineral Street Bridge Repairs

Pay Roll .....	\$	107.92	
Repairs .....		285.73	\$ 393.65

**Resurfacing Tennis Courts**

Resurfacing .....	\$	2,395.62
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**Park Department****Memorial Park**

Pay Roll .....	\$	2,235.27	
Supplies .....		419.63	
Hired Equipment .....		770.00	
Tree Lawn Mix .....		768.16	\$ 4,193.06

**Sturges Park**

Pay Roll .....	\$	3,599.34	
Supplies .....		516.53	
Lights .....		16.83	
Hired Equipment .....		2,264.28	
Culvert Pipe .....		989.04	
Machinery Rental .....		381.33	
Gravel .....		889.30	\$ 8,656.65

**Leach Park**

Pay Roll .....	\$		66.93
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**Commons**

Pay Roll .....	\$	924.72	
Supplies/Repairs .....		208.43	
Lights .....		53.61	\$ 1,186.76

**Washington Street**

Pay Roll .....	\$	1,440.01	
Supplies/Repairs .....		527.84	
Hired Equipment .....		20.00	
Tree Lawn Mix .....		54.67	\$ 2,042.52

**Birch Meadow**

Pay Roll .....	\$	1,566.55	
Supplies/Repairs .....		433.94	
Tree Lawn Mix .....		54.67	
Hired Equipment .....		50.00	
Lights .....		80.25	\$ 2,185.41

**Little League Park**

Pay Roll .....	\$	820.82	
Supplies .....		174.24	
Hired Equipment .....		1,271.13	
Sand/Gravel .....		764.59	\$ 3,030.78

**Miscellaneous Parks**

Pay Roll .....	\$	453.70	
Machinery Rental .....		1,943.16	
Supplies .....		348.34	\$ 2,745.20

# Water Department Maintenance

Office Salaries .....	\$	3,120.79	
Office Supplies .....		535.60	
Phone and Miscellaneous .....		481.84	
Water Works Conv. ....		264.85	
Insurance .....		2,120.30	
Bonds and Interest .....		25,817.50	
New Equipment .....		918.75	
Machinery Rental .....		5,988.72	\$ 39,248.35

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# Pumping Station

Pay Roll .....	\$	3,241.97	
Phone .....		144.65	
Light and Power .....		10,487.20	
Express .....		13.61	
Supplies and Repairs .....		834.66	
Fuel Oil .....		113.72	
Taxes — Mill St. ....		9.90	
Services — Engineer .....		413.08	\$ 15,258.79

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# Filtration Plant

Pay Roll .....	\$	4,154.98	
Supplies .....		962.64	
Coke .....		1,932.32	
Hired Equipment .....		6,348.62	
Pipe .....		783.63	
Services .....		443.47	
Express .....		6.70	\$ 14,632.36

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# Well Field

Pay Roll .....	\$	2,363.85	
Supplies and Fittings .....		861.38	\$ 3,225.23

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# Garage

Lights and Phone .....	\$	45.86	
Fuel Oil .....		391.29	
Supplies/Repairs .....		326.28	\$ 763.43

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# Meter Maintenance

Pay Roll .....	\$	6,655.09	
Supplies .....		4,093.06	
Express .....		21.82	\$ 10,769.97

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Service Pipe Maintenance			
Pay Roll .....	\$	20,384.84	
Supplies .....		7,538.62	
Pipe .....		417.19	
Range Oil .....		320.73	
Hired Equipment .....		176.00	
Sand/Gravel .....		91.20	
Express .....		61.93	\$ 28,990.51
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Main Pipe Maintenance			
Pay Roll .....	\$	3,952.05	
Supplies .....		996.90	
Hired Equipment .....		1,575.00	
Pipe .....		2,462.93	
Sand/Gravel .....		1,331.54	
Drilling and Blasting .....		3,520.56	\$ 13,838.98
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Hydrant Maintenance			
Pay Roll .....	\$	1,076.70	
Supplies .....		166.93	\$ 1,243.63
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Miscellaneous			
Pay Roll .....	\$	12,888.23	
Supplies and Repairs .....		1,005.77	\$ 13,894.00
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Service Pipe Construction			
Pay Roll .....	\$	5,808.72	
Supplies and Repairs .....		13,327.75	
Pipe .....		6,476.76	
Hired Equipment .....		794.51	
Express .....		6.26	
New Equipment .....		918.75	
Machinery Rental .....		2,436.21	\$ 29,768.96
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Meter Construction			
New Meters .....			\$ 3,939.60
Miscellaneous			
Insurance .....			\$ 1,125.70
Main Pipe Construction			
Pay Roll .....	\$	7,827.78	
Supplies .....		4,080.15	
Pipe .....		28,970.12	
Hired Equipment .....		796.24	
Gate Valves .....		290.08	
Sand/Gravel .....		918.84	\$ 42,883.21
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Hydrant Construction			
New Hydrants .....	\$	1,054.30	
Fittings .....		453.30 \$	1,507.60
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Cleaning Parking Area			
Pay Roll .....	\$	222.40	
Expense			
Supplies .....	\$	.99	
Machinery Rental .....		20.35 \$	243.74
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New High School Access Roads			
Pay Roll .....	\$	293.61	
Expense			
Contract Payment .....		803.00	
Gravel .....		321.55	
Machinery Rental .....		138.20 \$	1,556.36
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Road Machinery Operating Account			
Water .....	\$	2,866.66	
Highway .....		8,985.16	
Sewer .....		717.85	
Drainage .....		186.73	
Snow and Ice .....		2,294.92	
Parks .....		227.11	
Maint. Storm Drains .....		227.49	
Engineering Division .....		6.15	
Dumps .....		103.04	
Bd. Public Works .....		266.28	
Flood Relief .....		23.26	
House Connection .....		253.60	
Chapter 90 Maint. ....		4.09	
Street Betterment .....		72.00	
A. B. Lord Drive .....		764.01	
New Equipment .....		27,231.95 \$	44,224.30
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Pensions			
Pay Roll .....	\$	7,085.52	
Street Betterments .....	\$	50,912.67	
Birch Meadow Drive			
Pay Roll .....	\$	291.80	
Expense			
Machinery Rental .....		69.50	
Hired Equipment .....		340.00	
Curbing .....		2,372.85	
Supplies .....		29.50	
Advertising .....		203.40	
Contract Payment .....		7,257.43 \$	10,564.48
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Birch Meadow Skating Area			
Pay Roll .....	\$	780.36	
Expense			
Machinery Rental .....		46.40	
Hired Equipment .....		3,295.50	
Services .....		182.39	
New Equipment .....		205.00	\$ 4,509.65
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Willow Street Sewer Construction			
Pay Roll .....	\$	212.25	
Expense			
Supplies .....		13.67	
Advertising .....		366.55	
Pipe .....		3,436.55	
Contract Payment .....		17,714.93	\$ 21,743.95
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Jacob Way			
Land Damages .....	\$	16,425.00	
Registering Plans .....		21.25	\$ 16,446.25
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Birch Meadow Drain Culvert			
Pay Roll .....	\$	282.92	
Expense			
Machinery Rental .....		55.80	
Hired Equipment .....		120.00	
Contract Payment .....		1,581.17	\$ 2,039.89
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Street Lighting .....			\$ 17,000.00
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Total Public Works .....			\$ 832,411.40

### Charities and Aid

General Aid Administrative			
Personal Services .....	\$	1,772.72	
Expense			
Office Supplies .....		17.00	
Building Maintenance .....		42.60	
Travel .....		86.12	
Stationery and Printing .....		44.46	
Postage .....		16.00	
Telephone .....		85.50	
Other .....		36.60	\$ 2,101.00
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General Aid			
General Aid .....	\$	7,998.40	
Tewksbury Infirmary .....		596.83	
Nursing Homes .....		882.45	
Material Grants:			
Fuel .....		70.46	
Food .....		294.00	
Doctors .....		147.00	

Hospital and O.P.D. ....	96.10	
Drugs .....	158.55	
Opticians .....	21.00	
Dentists .....	139.00	
Lodging .....	30.00	
Other .....	69.72 \$	10,503.51
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Payments to other Cities and Towns .....	\$	3,330.03
Aid to Dependent Children		
Regular Cash Aid .....	\$ 22,389.78	
Material Grants:		
Doctors .....	384.00	
Drugs .....	704.58	
Opticians .....	100.00	
Dentists .....	871.50	
Hospitals and O.P.D. ....	267.49	
Other .....	35.00 \$	24,752.35
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Aid to Dependent Children Administrative		
Personal Services .....	\$ 6,201.43	
Expense		
Building Maintenance .....	277.83	
Office Supplies and Equipment .....	97.44	
Travel .....	124.87	
Stationery and Printing .....	3.25	
Postage .....	37.26	
Telephone .....	125.30	
Other .....	13.00 \$	6,880.38
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Disability Assistance Administrative		
Personal Services .....	\$ 2,112.95	
Expense		
Building Maintenance .....	106.20	
Office Supplies and Equipment .....	54.55	
Travel .....	48.25	
Postage .....	24.00	
Telephone .....	38.25	
Other .....	120.50 \$	2,504.70
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Disability Assistance		
Regular Cash Aid .....	\$ 9,454.06	
Tewksbury Infirm. & Lemuel Shattuck Hosp.	2,647.60	
Material Grants:		
Doctors .....	308.25	
Opticians .....	23.00	
Dentists .....	441.00	
Drugs .....	702.62	
Nursing Homes .....	1,694.00	
Hospitals and O.P.D. ....	211.65	

Visiting Nurse .....	285.76	
Ambulance .....	35.50	
Other .....	72.25 \$	15,875.69

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#### Old Age Assistance Administrative

Personal Services .....	\$	8,796.54	
Expense			
Building Maintenance .....		747.64	
Office Supplies and Equipment .....		441.32	
Travel .....		188.85	
Stationery and Printing .....		66.15	
Postage .....		72.17	
Telephone .....		283.70	
Other .....		69.65 \$	10,666.02

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#### Old Age Assistance

##### Expenditures

Regular Cash Assistance .....	\$	111,308.37	
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##### Material Grants:

Doctors .....	4,894.30	
Drugs .....	8,046.22	
Hospitals .....	6,918.13	
Nursing Homes .....	56,429.73	
Opticians .....	567.40	
Dentists .....	430.00	
Chiropodists .....	205.00	
Ambulance .....	90.50	
Visiting Nurse .....	653.02	
Special Needs .....	550.00	
Other .....	67.75 \$	190,160.42

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#### Payents on Deceased Persons

##### Material Grants:

Boarding Home Care .....	\$	646.35	
Nursing Home Care .....		406.37	
Doctors .....		418.00	
Drugs .....		331.59	
Hospitals .....		72.08	
Visiting Nurse .....		7.92	
Ambulance .....		19.00	
Burial Charges .....		170.00 \$	2,071.31

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Payments to Other Cities and Towns .....	\$	4,511.29	
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Total Charities and Aid .....	\$	273,356.70	
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## Veterans' Benefits

### Administrative

#### Personal Services

Agent .....	\$	1,850.00	
Clerk .....		494.00	\$ 2,344.00

#### Expense

Car .....	\$	183.46	
Telephone .....		236.75	
Supplies .....		91.30	
Miscellaneous .....		65.70	\$ 577.21

### Aid

Cash Aid .....	\$	8,619.41	
Food .....		130.21	
Fuel .....		1,162.48	
Medicine .....		322.35	
Hospitals, Doctors .....		1,239.16	
Miscellaneous .....		464.86	\$ 11,938.47

Total Veterans' Benefits .....		\$	14,859.68
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## Schools

### Salaries

Supt., Clerks and Enf. of Law .....	\$	35,125.60	
Directors .....		26,450.00	
Misc. Salaries of Instruction .....		840.00	
Principals .....		28,950.04	
Teachers .....		541,032.57	
Custodians and Matrons .....		72,744.31	
Health .....		10,124.10	\$ 715,266.62

### Maintenance

Supt. Office Expense .....	\$	631.74	
Research and Prof. Study .....		348.00	
Printing .....		626.00	
Travel Expenses .....		215.96	
Prin. Office Expense .....		504.41	
Telephone .....		3,023.00	
Travel Expense — Enf. of Law .....		150.00	\$ 5,499.11

### Instruction

Travel Expense of Directors .....	\$	845.09	
Textbooks and Supplementary Books .....		12,635.10	
Supplies — School .....		11,101.81	
Supplies — Shop .....		2,514.60	
Supplies — Dom. Science .....		740.97	



Audio-Visual .....	2,130.44	
Physical Ed Equipment .....	879.01	
Tests .....	1,019.46	
Instructional Apparatus .....	3,376.65	
Express Charges .....	79.85 \$	35,322.98
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Operation of Plant		
Fuel .....	\$ 21,159.68	
Water and Sewer .....	1,591.72	
Electricity .....	11,876.30	
Gas .....	487.48	
Laundry and Summer Cleaning .....	187.48	
Ash Removal .....	699.50	
Exp. of Supr. of Buildings and Grounds .....	410.47	
Janitors Supplies .....	5,588.73 \$	42,001.36
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Maintenance of Plant		
Grounds .....	\$ 7,418.62	
Buildings .....	16,554.39	
Service System .....	316.64	
Plumbing and Heating .....	2,987.18	
Furniture Repair .....	746.41 \$	28,023.24
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Auxiliary Agencies		
Library .....	\$ 2,263.40	
Health Expenses .....	439.65	
Commencement .....	357.81 \$	3,060.86
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Capital Outlay		
New Equipment and Furniture .....	\$ 2,988.44	
Transportation .....	26,481.13	
Cafeterias .....	112,032.54	
Athletics .....	12,397.17	
Vocational Tuition .....	2,848.90	
Elem. School Land Purchase, West St. ....	53,800.00	
School and Recreation Site Com. Expense .....	383.38	
School Plans and Surveys, Forest St. ....	1,366.82	
School Land Purchase, Haverhill St. ....	25,000.00	
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Total Schools .....		\$1,066,472.55

### Library

#### Personal Services

Librarians .....	\$ 9,764.37	
Clerical .....	4,322.85	
Janitor .....	2,680.80 \$	16,768.02

Expense		
Fuel .....	\$	886.31
Light and Gas .....		151.22
Water and Sewer .....		27.23
Telephone .....		197.71
Printing and Supplies .....		965.09
Books and Periodicals .....		5,223.38
Binding and Repair .....		238.43
Building Maintenance .....		922.08
Typewriter .....		109.00
Other .....		28.37 \$
		8,748.82
Total Library .....		\$ 25,516.84

#### Unclassified

As in Appropriation and Expenditures Schedule	\$ 124,247.47
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#### Light Department

Maintenance, Operation and Depreciation .....	\$1,619,304.97
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#### Cemeteries

Personal Services		
Superintendent .....	\$	4,758.00
Clerical .....		1,350.10
Labor .....		18,874.86 \$
		24,982.96

Expense		
Office Maintenance and Supplies .....	\$	322.18
Shop Maintenance .....		175.20
Truck and Tools Maintenance .....		1,539.88
New Tools and Equipment .....		612.98
Fertilizer, Seed, Loam, Cement, Water, etc.		554.66
Flowers for Perpetual and Annual Care Lots		95.50
Perpetual Care Markers .....		15.19
Grave Liners .....		809.09
Repairs on Avenues .....		121.40
Cemetery Development and Improvement		145.58
Miscellaneous .....		108.03
		4,499.69
Care of Soldiers' Graves .....		1,196.55
Total Cemeteries .....	\$	30,679.20

#### Municipal Indebtedness

Interest:		
School Loan, Pearl St. ....	\$	262.50
School Loan, Eaton .....		6,500.00
School Loan, Senior High .....		42,075.00
Library Addition Loan .....		500.00
Ant. Rev. Loan .....		2,026.67 \$
		51,364.17

**Maturing Debt:**

Sewer Loan, 1948 .....	\$ 4,000.00	
Sewer Loan, 1953 .....	20,000.00	
School Loan, Pearl St. ....	5,000.00	
School Loan, Eaton .....	25,000.00	
School Loan, Senior High .....	110,000.00	
Library Addition Loan .....	10,000.00	\$ 174,000.00

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Anticipation of Revenue Loan .....	\$ 250,000.00
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Total Municipal Indebtedness .....	\$ 475,364.17
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**Agency, Trust and Investment**

As in Appropriation and Expenditure Schedule	\$ 440,055.10
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**Non-Revenue Accounts**

Portion of Light Loan Invested .....	\$ 433,245.94	
Portion of School Loan Invested .....	1,062,038.46	
New High School Construction .....	40,287.13	
New High School Sewer Construction .....	10,816.23	
Mun. Light Dept. — Regular Constr. ....	52,609.92	
Mun. Light Dept. — Special Constr. ....	187,120.61	
Mun. Light Dept. — Sub-station Constr. ....	124,713.20	
School Construction — Forest Street .....	228,669.78	\$2,139,501.27

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**Refunds**

Taxes, Assessments, Public Service Enterprise \$	16,967.71	
Departmental .....	9,701.90	\$ 26,669.61

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Total Expenditures in 1956 .....	\$7,485,587.47
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# APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES

	Balance Appropriated from 1955	Other Credits	Transfers	Payments	Balance 12/31/56
<b>General Government</b>					
Selectmen's Clerical .....	\$ 1,486.50	50.00	\$	1,533.15	3.35
Selectmen's Expense .....	2,000.00			1,775.56	224.44
Town Accountant's Salary .....	4,982.00			4,982.00	—
Town Accountant's Clerical .....	741.00			741.00	—
Town Accountant's Expense .....	600.00			434.42	165.58
Treasurer's Salary .....	2,937.50			2,937.50	—
Treasurer's Clerical .....	1,225.00	35.43		1,260.43	—
Treasurer's Expense .....	1,500.00	537.95		1,850.99	186.96
Collector's Salary .....	4,725.00			4,725.00	—
Collector's Clerical .....	6,850.00			6,826.50	23.50
Collector's Expense .....	2,300.00			2,292.58	7.42
Assessors' Salaries .....	4,275.00			4,275.00	—
Assessors' Clerical .....	6,428.50			6,403.20	25.30
Assessors' Expense .....	3,425.00			2,707.92	717.08
Town Counsel's Salary .....	2,937.50			2,937.50	—
Town Counsel's Expense .....	2,000.00			2,000.00	—
Town Clerk's Salary .....	1,925.00			1,925.00	—
Town Clerk's Clerical .....	3,288.00	59.75		3,347.75	—
Town Clerk's Expense .....	750.00	75.00		819.94	5.06
Registrars' Salaries .....	500.00			500.00	—
Registrars' Expense .....	2,000.00	7.47		2,007.47	—
Election and Registration Expense .....	6,500.00			5,867.69	632.31
Board of Appeals Expense .....	350.00			342.33	7.67
Planning Board Expense .....	700.00			331.01	368.99
Planning Board Legal Expense, Art. 5 .....	250.00			250.00	—

Capital Expenditures Planning Com. Exp.	300.00	200.01	99.99
Finance Committee Expense .....	100.00	59.40	40.60
Personnel Board Expense .....	50.00	33.00	17.00
Municipal Building Janitor .....	3,252.86	3,252.86	—
Municipal Building Maintenance .....	4,000.00	3,874.07	125.93
Old High School Bldg. Maint., Art. 3 .....	\$ 2,820.28	1,745.02	6,075.26
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\$ 2,820.28 \$	77,378.86 \$	\$ 72,238.30 \$	8,726.44

### Protection of Persons and Property

Police Dept. Salaries .....	\$ 106,877.59	\$ 102,122.57 \$	4,755.02
Police Dept. Pensions .....	7,958.00	7,958.00	—
Police Dept. Maintenance .....	11,420.00	5.73	1.99
Police Station Maintenance .....	2,150.00	2,120.59	29.41
Police Station Janitor's Salary .....	1,200.00	1,200.00	—
Police New Uniforms, Art. 12 .....	\$ 345.99	1,276.65	369.34
Police, New Station Wagon, Art. 8 .....	1,175.00	1,132.00	43.00
Police, New Ambulance, Art. 19 .....	9,000.00	8,632.69	367.31
Fire Dept. Salaries .....	87,128.34	86,605.83	522.51
Fire Dept. Callmen Salaries .....	6,750.00	5,574.98	675.02
Fire Dept. Pensions .....	1,375.00	1,375.00	—
Fire Dept. Maintenance .....	9,700.00	9,699.85	.15
Fire Stations Maintenance .....	3,200.00	3,199.73	.27
Fire Alarm Maintenance Salaries .....	2,150.00	2,649.74	.26
Fire Alarm Maintenance Expense .....	2,770.00	2,769.66	.34
Fire Alarm Extension Salaries .....	1,000.00	998.63	1.37
Fire Alarm Extension Expense .....	600.00	600.00	—
Fire Dept. New Uniforms, Art. 13 .....	625.00	585.46	677.43
Rebuilding Hose 2 Firehouse Study .....	1,000.00	759.15	240.85
New Two-way Radio, Art. 17, 1955 .....	500.00	—	500.00



	Balance Appropriated from 1955	1956	Other Credits	Transfers	Payments	Balance 12/31/56
Fire Alarm Extension to No. Reading Art. 18, 1955	1,000.00					
Fire Dept. New Chief's Car, Art. 10 .....		2,000.00			1,000.00	—
New Pumping Fire Engine, Art. 11 .....			20,000.00		1,995.00	5.00
New Fire Station Construction, Art. 9 .....			60,000.00		2.71	19,997.29
Tree and Moth Dept. Salaries .....		22,582.00			5,752.25	54,247.75
Tree and Moth Dept. Expense .....		5,480.00			22,582.00	—
Town Forest, Special, Art. 14 .....	570.59	500.00			5,471.41	8.59
Town Forest Land Purchase, Art. 62, 1955	100.00				424.39	646.20
Dutch Elm Control, Art. 16 .....		5,500.00			—	100.00
Mosquito Control, Art. 17 .....		1,400.00			3,417.18	2,082.82
Tree and Moth Garage Repairs .....			1,500.00		680.00	720.00
New Pick-up Truck, Art. 18 .....		1,600.00			1,500.00	—
Hydrant Rentals .....		6,390.00			1,600.00	—
Drinking Fountains .....		100.00			6,390.00	—
Inspector of Buildings Salary .....		3,937.50			100.00	—
Inspector of Buildings Expense .....		680.00	15.00		3,937.50	—
Inspector of Wires Salary .....		700.00			693.97	1.03
Inspector of Wires Expense .....		500.00	56.52		700.00	—
Scaler of Weights and Measures, Salary		700.00			556.52	—
Scaler of Weights and Measures, Expense		250.00			700.00	—
Dog Officer's Salary .....		375.00			242.20	7.80
Dog Officer's Expense .....		400.00			375.00	—
Game Warden's Salary .....		105.00			395.59	4.41
Civil Defense .....	3,781.46				105.00	—
Traffic Control .....		2,500.00	317.50		1,408.05	2,373.41
R.R. Signal Installation, Art. 3 .....			4,000.00		2,817.50	—
					4,000.00	—
\$	7,935.93 \$	312,078.43 \$	87,029.02 \$	505.73 \$	318,159.08 \$	88,378.57

## Health and Sanitation

Board of Health Salaries .....	\$ 1,550.00	\$ 1,550.00	—
Board of Health Expense .....	700.00	601.64	98.36
Health Officer's Salary .....	700.00	700.00	—
Care of Contagious Diseases .....	5,000.00	3,582.65	1,417.35
Premature Babies .....	1,000.00	167.50	832.50
Garbage Collection .....	14,400.00	14,400.00	—
Dental Clinic .....	2,850.00	2,849.34	.66
Child Welfare, Art. 59 .....	600.00	600.00	—
Inspector of Animals Salary .....	400.00	400.00	—
Inspector of Milk and Food Salary .....	350.00	350.00	—
Inspector of Milk and Food Expense .....	50.00	50.00	—
Inspector of Plumbing Salary .....	1,500.00	1,500.00	—
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	\$ 29,100.00	\$ 26,751.13	2,348.87

## Charities and Aid

General Aid Adm. Salaries .....	\$ 2,023.60	\$ 1,772.72	250.88
General Aid Adm. Expense .....	500.00	328.28	171.72
General Aid .....	23,000.00	13,833.54	9,166.46
Aid to Dep. Children, Adm. ....	5,000.00	4,993.52	6.48
Aid to Dep. Children, Aid .....	15,500.00	12,655.16	2,844.84
A.D.C. Adm., Federal Grants .....	\$ 238.72	1,886.86	—
A.D.C. Aid., Federal Grants .....	2,365.25	12,097.19	1,149.21
Disability Assistance, Adm. ....	1,500.00	1,497.56	2.44
Disability Assistance, Aid .....	10,000.00	10,307.36	—
D.A. Adm., Federal Grants .....	269.24	1,007.14	—
D.A. Aid, Federal Grants .....	235.02	5,568.33	45.50
Old Age Assistance, Adm. ....	6,500.00	5,781.55	793.45
Old Age Assistance, Aid .....	132,000.00	129,862.15	2,764.98
		77.45	

	Balance Appropriated from 1955	1956	Other Credits	Transfers	Payments	Balance 12/31/56
O.A.A. Federal Grants, Adm. ....	57.63		9,232.21		4,884.47	4,405.37
O.A.A. Federal Grants, Aid .....	983.90		72,545.91		66,880.87	6,648.94
<b>Veterans' Benefits</b>						
Administrative Salaries .....		\$ 2,344.00			\$ 2,344.00	—
Administrative Expense .....		750.00			577.21 \$	172.79
Aid .....		18,000.00			11,938.47	6,061.53
	\$ 4,149.76	\$ 196,023.60	\$ 101,511.06	\$ 77.45	\$ 273,356.70	\$ 28,250.27
<b>Education - Schools</b>						
General Salaries .....		\$ 21,094.00			\$ 14,859.68	\$ 6,234.32
General Maintenance .....		\$ 720,085.61			\$ 715,266.62	\$ 4,818.99
Transportation .....		118,459.20		\$ 1,559.41	116,895.99	3.80
Cafeterias .....		25,000.00	\$ 1,500.00		26,481.13	18.87
Athletics .....	\$ 10,565.77	2,500.00	111,252.84		112,032.54	12,286.07
Vocational Tuition .....	250.20	8,000.00	5,870.14		12,397.17	1,723.17
Elem. School Land Purchase, West St. ....		3,000.00			2,848.90	151.10
School and Recreation Site Com. Expense .....			53,800.00		53,800.00	—
School Plans and Surveys, Forest St. ....			1,200.00		383.38	816.62
School Land Purchase, Haverhill St. ....	3,107.00			1,740.18	1,366.82	—
			25,000.00		25,000.00	—
	\$ 13,922.97	\$ 877,044.81	\$ 198,622.98	\$ 3,299.59	\$ 1,066,472.55	\$ 19,818.62
<b>Public Library</b>						
Salaries .....		\$ 17,008.97	\$ 100.00	\$	\$ 16,768.02	\$ 340.95
Maintenance .....		8,320.00	552.35	100.00	8,748.82	23.53
	\$ 25,328.97	\$ 652.35		100.00	\$ 25,516.84	\$ 364.48

# Public Works

Administrative Salaries .....	\$ 9,118.00		\$ 9,080.60	\$ 37.40
Administrative Expense .....	2,000.00		1,973.35	26.65
Pensions .....	7,085.52		7,085.52	—
Engineering Division Salaries .....	25,200.00		24,707.58	492.42
Engineering Division Expense .....	2,310.00		2,186.91	123.09
Highway Maint. and Oper. Salaries .....	55,000.00		54,979.78	20.22
Highway Maint. and Oper. Expense .....	38,500.00		38,491.77	8.23
Chap. 90 Const., Art. 51, 1955 .....	\$ 25,992.20		392.75	25,599.45
Chap. 90 Const., Art. 40 and 7, 1956 .....	6,750.00	\$ 20,250.00	—	27,000.00
Chap. 90 Maint., Art. 41 and 7, 1956 .....	1,500.00	3,000.00	4,470.05	29.95
Snow and Ice Removal Salaries .....	34,000.00	10,966.32	44,966.32	—
Snow and Ice Removal Expense .....	35,456.00	11,783.68	47,198.90	40.78
Sewer Maint. and Oper. Salaries .....	7,500.00		4,865.58	2,634.42
Sewer Maint. and Oper. Expense .....	9,640.00		9,495.31	144.69
Sewer Extension and Const. Salaries .....	23,500.00		18,910.96	4,589.04
Sewer Extension and Const. Expense .....	26,500.00		26,472.08	27.92
Sewer House Connection Salaries .....	12,750.00		12,125.20	624.80
Sewer House Connection Expense .....	12,250.00		12,250.00	—
Maintenance of Storm Drains Salaries ....	8,000.00	\$ 930.00	6,389.41	680.59
Maintenance of Storm Drains Expense ....	4,500.00	580.00	4,924.71	155.29
Drainage Construction Salaries .....	18,000.00		17,353.23	646.77
Drainage Construction Expense .....	22,000.00		21,613.95	386.05
Sidewalk Maintenance Salaries .....	4,800.00		3,333.19	1,466.81
Sidewalk Maintenance Expense.....	3,200.00		3,034.19	165.81
Sidewalk Construction Salaries .....	7,200.00		7,038.35	161.65
Sidewalk Construction Expense .....	4,800.00		4,369.63	430.37
John St. Dump Wages .....	6,000.00		5,964.52	35.48
John St. Dump Expense .....	1,950.00		1,939.23	10.77
Park Dept. Salaries .....	16,000.00	3,000.00	11,107.34	1,892.66

	Balance Appropriated from 1955	1956	Other Credits	Transfers	Payments	Balance 12/31/56
Park Dept. Expense .....		10,000.00	3,000.00		12,999.97	.03
Parking Areas Cleaning Wages, Art. 46 .....		960.00			222.40	737.60
Parking Areas Cleaning Expense, Art. 46 .....		320.00			21.34	298.66
Water Maint. and Operation Salaries .....		49,000.00	8,838.50		57,838.50	—
Water Maint. and Operation Expense.....		46,637.50	11,600.00	28.25	58,209.25	—
Water Construction Salaries .....		23,000.00		5,800.00	13,600.50	3,599.50
Water Construction Expense .....		51,437.50	14,200.00		65,624.57	12.93
Water Dept and Interest .....		25,817.50			25,817.50	—
Water Dept. Garage .....	23,930.97		15,000.00		—	38,930.97
Road Machinery Fund .....	23,502.30		35,787.11	23,502.30	—	35,787.11
Street Lighting .....		17,000.00			17,000.00	—
Road Machinery Oper. Acct., Art. 39 .....	.56	20,397.70	23,852.30		44,224.30	26.26
New H.S. Access Roads, Art. 31, 1953 .....	9,843.04			5,000.00	1,556.36	3,286.68
Willow St. Sewer Construction .....		21,000.00	743.95		21,743.95	—
John Carver Rd. Bett. Sals. ....	378.57				—	378.57
John Carver Rd. Bett. Exp. ....	25.45				—	25.45
Overlook Rd. Bett. Sals. ....	403.71				—	403.71
Overlook Rd. Bett. Exp. ....	149.35				—	149.35
Glenmere Circle Bett. Sals. ....	27.00				—	27.00
Glenmere Circle Bett. Exp. ....	10.68				—	10.68
Lothrop Road Bett. Sals. ....	4,694.89				4,694.89	—
Lothrop Road Bett. Exp. ....	1,890.28				1,875.16	15.12
Jere Road Bett. Sals. ....	857.00				655.80	201.20
Jere Road Bett. Exp. ....	263.10				170.73	92.37
Batchelder Road Bett. Sals. ....	178.86				172.68	6.18
Batchelder Road Bett. Exp. ....						
Bolton Street Bett. Sals. ....	760.27				102.50	657.77



Bolton Street Bett. Exp. ....	132.61			
Margaret Road Bett. Sals. ....	1,225.02	2,400.00		1,174.98
Margaret Road Bett. Exp. ....	2,000.00	2,000.00		—
Martin Road Bett. Sals. ....	10,097.14	10,300.00		202.86
Martin Road Bett. Exp. ....	8,525.00	9,000.00		475.00
Pine Ridge Road Bett. Sals. ....	4,778.15	5,000.00		221.85
Pine Ridge Road Bett. Exp. ....	3,900.00	4,500.00		600.00
Grant Street Bett. Sals. ....	3,491.12	3,700.00		208.88
Grant Street Bett. Exp. ....	2,850.00	3,300.00		450.00
Indiana Avenue Bett. Sals. ....	3,581.87	5,000.00		1,418.13
Indiana Avenue Bett. Exp. ....	2,500.00	4,500.00		2,000.00
Rachel Road Bett. Sals. ....	160.00	160.00		160.00
Rachel Road Bett. Exp. ....	160.00	160.00		—
Mineral St. Bridge Repairs, Sals. ....	792.08			792.08
Mineral St. Bridge Repairs Exp. ....	285.73			14.27
South St. Relocation .....	500.00			500.00
Birch Meadow Skating Area .....	4,509.65			1,690.35
Birch Meadow Drive Construction .....	10,564.48			1,364.17
Birch Meadow Brook Land Purchase .....	900.00			900.00
Arthur B. Lord Drive Construction .....	19,570.14	29,600.00	5,000.00	15,029.86
Resurfacing Tennis Courts, Art. 30 .....	2,395.62	2,400.00		4.38
Fluoridation System Installation, Art. 48 .....	—	3,450.00		3,450.00
Birch Meadow Drain Culvert Const. Sals. ....	282.92		733.00	450.08
Birch Meadow Drain Culvert Const. Exp. ....	1,756.97		1,819.00	62.03
Jacob Way Const. Sals. ....	—		14,900.00	14,900.00
Jacob Way Const. Exp. ....	16,446.25		32,185.00	15,738.75

\$ 113,769.49 \$	756,549.72 \$	214,238.86 \$	38,260.55 \$	832,411.40 \$	213,886.12
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	Balance Appropriated from 1955	1956	Other Credits	Transfers	Payments	Balance 12/31/56
<b>Cemeteries</b>						
Salaries .....		\$ 22,000.00	\$ 3,031.49		\$ 24,982.96	\$ 48.53
Maintenance .....		2,500.00	2,003.45		4,499.69	3.76
Care of Soldiers' Graves, Art. 15 .....		1,200.00		\$ 3.45	1,196.55	—
		\$ 25,700.00	\$ 5,034.94	\$ 3.45	\$ 30,679.20	\$ 52.29
<b>Unclassified</b>						
Recreation — Playgrounds, Sals., Art. 27		\$ 5,765.00			\$ 5,748.50	16.50
Recreation — Playgrounds, Exp., Art. 27		1,800.00			1,545.39	254.61
Insurance .....		26,245.77	\$ 14,848.84	78.69	38,263.19	2,752.73
Memorial Day Observance .....		2,222.00			2,043.27	178.73
Damage Claims .....		2,000.00			400.00	1,600.00
Care and Lighting Old South Clock .....		200.00			181.34	18.66
Printing Town Report .....		1,930.00			1,780.00	150.00
Printing Street List .....		900.00			772.80	127.20
Aid to Agriculture, Art. 60 .....		100.00			99.89	.11
Parking Areas Maintenance .....		400.00			370.31	29.69
Legion Quarters Rent, Art. 57 .....		1,500.00			1,500.00	—
V.F.W. Quarters Rent, Art. 58 .....		660.00			660.00	—
Contributory Retirement Fund — Pension		48,397.00			48,397.00	—
Contributory Retirement Fund — Expense		1,450.00			1,450.00	—
Land Court Expense, Art. 6 .....		200.00			—	200.00
Recording Fees — Reg. of Deeds .....		100.00			100.00	—
Birch Meadow Area Study, Art. 7, 1954 ...\$	165.00				—	165.00
Christmas Lighting, Art. 55 .....		1,000.00			—	14.08
New Htg. System, Old High Sch., Art. 22			25,000.00		985.92	25,000.00
Reserve Fund .....			25,000.00		—	—
Flood Relief .....				25,000.00	19,949.86	(19,949.86)
\$	\$ 165.00	\$ 94,869.77	\$ 64,848.84	\$ 25,078.69	\$ 124,247.47	\$ 10,557.45

Interest, not incl. Sewer, Light and Water  
Maturing Debt, not incl. Light and Water  
Loans in Anticipation of Revenue .....

Interest, not incl. Sewer, Light and Water	\$ 51,837.50	\$ 51,364.17	\$ 473.33
Maturing Debt, not incl. Light and Water	174,000.00	174,000.00	—
Loans in Anticipation of Revenue	250,000.00	250,000.00	—
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<b>Agency, Trust and Investment</b>	\$ 225,837.50	\$ 475,364.17	\$ 473.33
Dog Licenses due County	46.80	\$ 3,428.60	196.80
Sporting Licenses due State	18.00	1,576.50	84.00
Parker Hospital Fund, Income	3,147.81	4,162.80	2,280.75
Parker Hospital Fund, Transactions	17,000.00	49,000.00	—
Grouard Hospital Fund, Income	—	2,130.10	—
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, Bequests	105.00	6,188.75	100.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fd, Transactions	10,000.00	13,000.00	—
Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund, Interest	—	2,740.40	90.20
R.H.S. Scholarship Fund	—	175.00	—
Kenneth L. Brown Scholarship Fund	—	50.00	—
Stephen Foster Library Fund	—	12,158.13	158.13
Stephen Foster Hospital Fund	—	3,915.38	43.14
Torrey Library Fund	—	32.50	16.25
Premium on Loans	—	2,891.27	—
Tailings	414.28	186.15	—
Withholding Tax	15,194.92	177,173.48	590.43
Blue Cross — Blue Shield	2,034.75	24,402.30	15,899.62
Salvage Account	6,816.11	101.71	2,053.40
State Parks and Reservations	—	2,391.12	6,819.87
Audit of Municipal Accounts	—	201.35	(1,697.56)
Examination of Retirement System	—	680.88	—
Metropolitan Sewerage	—	32,693.20	—
County Tax	—	54,761.80	(1,248.86)
County T.B. Hospital	—	17,620.32	(2,434.65)
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<b>\$</b>	<b>\$ 54,777.67</b>	<b>\$ 411,661.74</b>	<b>\$ 24,914.64</b>

	Balance Appropriated from 1955	1956	Other Credits	Transfers	Payments	Balance 12/31/56
<b>Non-Revenue Accounts</b>						
Portion of Light Loan Invested .....			\$ 433,245.94		\$ 433,245.94	
Portion of School Loan Invested .....			635,573.06		1,062,038.46	(426,465.40)
New High School Construction .....	\$ 63,173.03				40,287.13	22,885.90
New High School Sewer Constr. ....	30,021.27				10,816.23	19,205.04
Mun. Light Dept. — Regular Constr. ....	48,459.72		19,459.18		52,609.92	15,308.98
Mun. Light Dept. — Special Constr. ....	54,758.09		132,903.21		187,120.61	540.39
Mun. Light Dept. Sub-Station Constr. ....			600,000.00	257,205.75	124,713.20	218,081.05
School Construction, Forest St. ....			850,000.00		228,669.78	621,330.22
	<u>\$ 196,412.11</u>		<u>\$2,671,181.39</u>	<u>\$257,205.75</u>	<u>\$2,139,501.27</u>	<u>\$ 470,886.48</u>
<b>Light Department</b>						
Maintenance .....			1,595,891.00	130,908.00	1,464,983.00	
Depreciation .....	54,098.74		189,880.30	54,098.74	154,321.97	35,558.33
	<u>\$ 54,098.74</u>		<u>\$1,785,771.30</u>	<u>\$185,006.74</u>	<u>\$1,619,304.97</u>	<u>\$ 35,558.33</u>
<b>Refunds</b>						
Taxes, Assts. Pub. Service Ent. etc.			16,967.71		16,967.71	
Departmental .....			9,701.90		9,701.90	
			<u>\$ 26,669.61</u>		<u>\$ 26,669.61</u>	
TOTALS .....	\$ 448,051.95	\$2,641,005.66	\$5,817,987.69	\$511,007.62	\$7,485,587.47	\$ 910,450.21

## REPORT OF THE CONTRIBUTORY RETIREMENT BOARD

To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

The total active membership of the Contributory Retirement System on December 31, 1956 was two hundred and seventy-five.

The following is the financial statement for the year ending December 31, 1956:

### Cash

Balance January 1, 1956 ..... \$ 16,301.50

### Receipts

#### 1956 Receipts:

Investments .....	\$ 14,757.31	
Investment Income .....	9,792.52	
Contributions by members .....	39,565.72	
From City of Melrose .....	93.56	
Make-up payments .....	3,061.87	
Appropriation by Town:		
Pension Fund .....	48,397.00	
Expense Fund .....	1,450.00	
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		117,117.98
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		\$133,419.48

### Expenditures

#### 1956 Payments:

Investments .....	\$ 57,877.92	
Expenses .....	1,540.89	
Annuities .....	4,612.44	
Pensions .....	54,458.13	
Essex County Retirement System .....	266.67	
Refunds due to death of pensioners .....	1,097.98	
Refunds .....	6,809.56	
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		\$126,663.59
Balance December 31, 1956 .....		6,755.89
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		\$133,419.48

### Assets

Cash, Middlesex County Nat. Bank, Reading ....	\$ 6,755.89	
Deposits on interest .....	35,000.00	
Paid-Up Coop Bank shares .....	82,000.00	
U. S. Savings Bonds .....	208,000.00	
Bank Stocks .....	36,620.38	
Accrued interest on investments .....	1,603.23	
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		\$369,979.50



## Liabilities

Annuity Savings .....	\$271,709.37	
Annuity Reserve .....	46,096.91	
Pension Fund .....	48,383.11	
Expense Fund .....	220.86	
Special Military Service Credits .....	3,569.25	
	<hr/>	\$369,979.50

## Contributory Retirement Board

DONALD C. MITCHELL, Chairman  
BOYD H. STEWART, Secretary  
ARTHUR C. ALDRICH

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## STATEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS

### Gilman L. Parker Hospital Fund

Balance, January 1, 1956 .....	\$236,758.92
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#### Receipts:

Income from U.S. Savings Bonds and Notes	\$ 1,845.08	
Income from Savings Banks .....	2,852.80	
Income from Stock .....	307.80	
Income from Co-op. Bank Paid-up Shares	1,517.50	
Reimbursement .....	125.00	6,648.18
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Discount on U.S. Treas. Notes .....	281.25
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\$243,688.35

#### Disbursements:

Hospital Bills .....	\$ 2,038.69	
Safe Deposit Rent .....	10.00	\$ 2,048.69
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Balance, December 31, 1956 .....	\$241,639.66
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#### Invested as Follows:

U.S. Treasury Notes .....	\$ 37,000.00
U.S. Savings Bonds .....	42,000.00
Savings Banks .....	98,279.47
First National Bank of Boston, 108 Shares	4,066.44
Co-op. Bank Paid-up Shares, 290 .....	58,000.00
Home Bleach and Dye Works, Pfd., 2 Shares	11.00
Sharpe Mfg. Co., Preferred, 55 Shares .....	1.00
Sharpe Mfg. Co., Common, 20 Shares .....	1.00
In General Cash .....	2,280.75
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\$241,639.66

### Anne S. Grouard Hospital Fund

Balance, January 1, 1956 .....		\$ 94,699.80
Receipts:		
Income from U.S. Savings Bonds .....	\$ 2,065.10	
Income from Savings Banks .....	320.88	
Income from Co-op. Bank Paid-up Shares .....	65.00	2,450.98
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Balance, December 31, 1956 .....		\$ 97,150.78
Invested as Follows:		
U.S. Savings Bonds .....	\$ 82,500.00	
Savings Banks .....	12,650.78	
Co-op. Bank Paid-up Shares .....	2,000.00	
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		\$ 97,150.78

### Cemetery Perpetual Care Fund

Balance, January 1, 1956 .....		\$160,150.35
Receipts:		
Bequests .....	\$ 6,188.75	
Income from U.S. Savings Bonds .....	1,585.40	
Income from Savings Banks .....	1,950.00	
Income from Co-op. Paid-up Shares .....	1,150.50	\$ 10,874.65
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		\$171,025.00
Disbursements:		
For Work on Endowed Lots .....		\$ 3,031.49
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Balance, December 31, 1956 .....		\$167,993.51
Invested as Follows:		
U.S. Savings Bonds .....	\$ 55,000.00	
Savings Banks .....	69,803.31	
Co-op. Bank Paid-up Shares .....	43,000.00	
In General Cash .....	190.20	
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		\$167,993.51

### Stephen Foster Hospital Fund

Bequest, May 9, 1956 .....		\$ 3,872.24
Income from U.S. Treas. Notes .....	\$ 39.15	
Income from Savings Banks .....	5.97	45.12
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		\$ 3,917.36
Invested as Follows:		
U.S. Treas. Notes .....	\$ 3,000.00	
Savings Bank .....	874.22	
In General Cash .....	43.14	
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		\$ 3,917.36

### Public Library Fund

Balance, January 1, 1956 .....	\$ 1,054.33
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank .....	31.86
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Balance, December 31, 1956, in Savings Bank ....	\$ 1,086.19

### **Horace G. Wadlin Library Fund**

Balance, January 1, 1956 .....	\$ 1,777.99
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank .....	53.72
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Balance, December 31, 1956, in Savings Bank ....	\$ 1,831.71

### **Donald N. Tuttle, Jr. Library Fund**

Balance, January 1, 1956 .....	\$ 603.19
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank .....	16.69
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Balance, December 31, 1956, in Savings Bank ....	\$ 619.88

### **Edward Appleton Library Fund**

Balance, January 1, 1956 .....	\$ 5,507.88
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank .....	180.44
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	\$ 5,688.32
Payment for Record Library .....	507.02
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Balance, December 31, 1956, in Savings Bank ....	\$ 5,181.30

### **Charles Torrey Library Fund**

Balance, January 1, 1956 .....	\$ 1,099.14
Receipts:	
Income from U.S. Saving Bond .....	\$ 32.50
Income from Savings Bank .....	1.61
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	\$ 34.11
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	\$ 1,133.25
Payment for Books .....	45.33
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Balance, December 31, 1956 .....	\$ 1,087.92
Invested as Follows:	
U.S. Treas. Bond .....	\$ 1,000.00
Savings Bank .....	71.67
In General Cash .....	16.25
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	\$ 1,087.92

### **Stephen Foster Library Fund**

Bequest, April 27, 1956 .....	\$ 12,000.00
Receipts:	
Income from U.S. Treas. Notes .....	\$ 143.49
Income from Savings Bank .....	6.77
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	\$ 150.26
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Balance, December 31, 1956 .....	\$ 12,150.26
Invested as Follows:	
U.S. Treas. Notes .....	\$ 11,000.00
Savings Bank .....	992.13
In General Cash .....	158.13
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	\$ 12,150.26

### **R.H.S. Scholarship Fund**

Balance, January 1, 1956 .....	\$ 5,393.86
Receipts — Income from Savings Banks .....	153.45
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	\$ 5,547.31
Paid for Scholarship .....	100.00
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Balance, December 31, 1956, in Savings Bank ....	\$ 5,447.31
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### **Kenneth L. Brown Award Fund**

Balance, January 1, 1956 .....	\$ 1,019.54
Receipts:	

Income from U.S. Savings Bond .....	\$ 25.00	
Income from Savings Bank .....	.39	\$ 25.39
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	\$ 1,044.93
Paid Student Award .....	25.00
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Balance, December 31, 1956 .....	\$ 1,019.93
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#### **Invested as Follows:**

U.S. Treasury Bond .....	\$ 1,000.00
Savings Bank .....	19.93
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\$ 1,019.93

### **Ethel E. Grant Fund**

Balance, January 1, 1956 .....	\$ 37,694.33
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank .....	1,139.30
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Balance, December 31, 1956, in Savings Bank ....	\$ 38,833.63
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### **Post War Rehabilitation Fund**

Balance, January 1, 1956 .....	\$ 692.34
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank .....	19.16
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Balance, December 31, 1956, in Savings Bank ....	\$ 711.50
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### **Stabilization Fund**

Balance, January 1, 1956 .....	\$ 90,326.32
Receipts — Income from Savings Bank .....	2,652.61
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Balance, December 31, 1956, in Savings Banks	\$ 92,978.93
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I hereby certify that in accordance with the provisions of Section 53, Chapter 41 of the General Laws, I have audited the accounts of the Commissioners of Trust Funds, and report the foregoing to be a true and accurate statement as of December 31, 1956.

BOYD H. STEWART,

Town Accountant

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